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FOREWORD

Our Centennial calls to mind many memories, some long forgotten as well as those which remain fresh and vivid after so many years.

During the early eighteen hundreds, pioneers from the East were settling in the prairies between the Appalachian Mountains and the Mississippi River. Farming was the main industry in the beginning but not for long. Other industries and educational advantages followed as settlers continued coming. As a result of these migrations Irving came to be.

Our many thanks to all those who in the past have contributed so much to the welfare of our village and to those who will carry on to insure its future as an enterprising community.

This is not a complete record but it is offered with a hope that many events and people long thought forgotten can be relived in memory.

We are grateful to those who have helped supply information of a one hundred year backward look.

OUR TOWN'S CENTENNIAL

One hundred years ago this fall,
Men met to incorporate a village for all;
Irving was just a settlement,
No laws or anything permanent.

Then no stock could roam the street,
Boardwalks were made for less muddy feet.
Lots of changes were made,
Trees were planted around for shade.

Trees were planted for a park,
Ice cream picnics held there after dark;
It was surrounded by a hitching rack,
From which many a child fell on his back.

The settlers in 1857 made a gain,
They got the railroad and a train;
Then to up their popularity and rank,
They got more stores, a post office and a bank.

They got a barber shop, a millinery store,
A lumber yard and lots more;
Five well attended churches they had
For happy occasions and also sad.

They of course had schools,
Carpenters made furniture with crude tools;
Now lots of things have come to pass,
Such as electricity, city water, and natural gas.

Selma Kelly Eddington

Irving is a grand old place to live in,
To lend, to spend or to give in;
But to borrow or to beg or to hold your own,
There never was a place worse known.

Written many years ago by Harvey Kelly.



IRVING INCORPORATED

In 1863 the village of Irving was incorporated and received its charter. Cornelius Newberry was chosen president and Dr. William Hobson clerk for the purpose of conducting an election. Palmer Yeamans, John Petra, Jacob Bird, H. J. Huestis and William P. Saunders were elected trustees of the village. After being duly sworn in, election of offi-

cers was held in the store of H. J. Huestis and included president of the board, J.H. Petra; clerk, E.H. Kitch; treasurer, William Grantham; street commissioner, John Franklin; and constable, Isaiah Grantham.

Several ordinances were voted on including a fine of not less than \$5.00 for playing cards or other games for money in the village; a fine of \$5.00 for anyone running a horse or mule unnecessarily; a license rate for shows was from \$1. to \$2.00; and all able bodied male inhabitants over twenty-one years of age and under fifty were required to do not less than 3 days labor on the streets and roads after due notice from the street commissioner. The pay was to be \$1.00 per day. These ordinances were signed by John Petra, president and E. H. Kitch, clerk.

Future regular meetings were to be held once a month on the first Saturday night after the full of the moon.

Presidents of the Village Bd., listed in the order in which they served include Cornelius Newberry, John Petra, Thomas Black, M. D. L. Cannon, Dr. Joseph Cobb, H. J. Huestis, Palmer Yeaman, John E. Knight, J.B. Cromer (who always opened the meetings with prayer), M.D.L. Cannon, Athan Cannon, J. T. McDavid, E.H. Kitch, John K. Knight, F.P. Huestis, John T. McDavid, H.C. Yeamans, S.J. Cottrell, John Bryan, John Knight, R.J. Cockerleas, J. M. Kelly, H.J. Bartlett, J. Platt, Easton Whitten, A. Ridenhour, Baxter Williams, Thomas Grantham, Ellis Satterlee, C.M. Roberts, W. J. Wiley, Ward Carter, Cyrus Vandever, Dr. P.J. Fullerton, Robert L. Funk, William Counton, Marshall Winn, G.W. Doyle, C.F. Laws, Ed Lohr, J.M. Vincent, L.L. Cunningham, Ira Arnold, B. C. Tomamichel, G.W. Doyle, C. Cockerleas, John Potterf, Lee Hutchins, Pearl Carriker, Charles C. Nance, George C. Bryce, William K. Jenkins, Edwin Renken W.D. Fisher, John Walters, and the present president, Harold Jurgena.

The present town clerk is David Wineburner; Treasurer, Wayne--Eddington; trustees, Allen Edwards, Kenneth Manning, Harold Douglas, Roy Denton, Ross McPherson, and Homer Rebman.



WELCOME TO IRVING

Welcome sign erected in 1962 at the corner Main and Pine Street which is at the beginning of the State Aid road leading to coffeen.



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 David Wineburner - Secretary
 George Bryce - Treasurer
 Harold Jurgena - Auditor



CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

Front row, left to right: Phyllis Whalen, Judith Gates, Betty Caulk, Mildred Wilson, Alma Rushford.

Back row; left to right: Harold Jurgena, Allen Edwards, Everett Spindel, Faye Holmes, Ross McPherson, Floyd Bauer.

Chairmen not pictured are Kenneth Caulk and Dennis Edwards.



A GROUP OF CENTENNIAL WORKERS

Front row, left to right: Freda Perkins, Luthella McPherson, Mildred Wilson, Martha Wineburner, Kimberly Wineburner, Alma Rushford, Dorothy Maninfior, Pessie Bailey.

Back row, left to right: Ross Perkins, Ross McPherson, David Wineburner, Betty Caulk, Everett Spindel, Judith Gates, Floyd Bauer, Mary K. Bryce, Ora Zumwalt, Roberta Bauer, Ruth Zumwalt, Helen Bryce, Phyllis Whalen.

Many others not pictured have been enthusiastic and faithful workers.

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EARLY HISTORY OF IRVING

Irving actually began in the early part of the nineteenth century. After Illinois was admitted into the Union in 1818 more settlers began moving into its fertile prairies in greater numbers. The pioneers came from the Carolinas, Tennessee and Kentucky and traveled by covered-wagons and on horseback.

The first pioneer to settle in this vicinity was John Lawrence Franklin in 1826. Others soon followed. John Lipe settled in the northern part of the township in 1828. James Kelly settled where the Irving Cemetery is now located, the graves are where their cabin first stood. They were the parents of ten children. Ezra Bostick, a revolutionary soldier settled nearby and the following year, he was joined by Mark and James Rutledge and Joel Knight, all from Kentucky.

During the early 1830s other settlers included Andrew King and son, John Wesley with Noah Kelly, James Madison Berry, Rev. John Grant ham with a family of thirteen children, John and William Wiley, the Carrikers, Hefleys, and Bosts. In a few years, the Gregory, Neisler, Lewey, Roberts, Lyerla, Christian, Morain, McDavid, Mann, Satterlee, Hightower, and Berry Families followed.

In 1844 Jacob Bohn's father came from North Carolina in a one horse wagon with a family of eight. Mrs. Bohn died on the way and was buried in Tennessee.

A Mr. Irving opened a little store in 1844 and was honored by having the village named for him. Another store was built in 1847 by Edwards and Petra.

In 1854, Madison Berry sold land to Mr. Higgins and Mr. Rider of Alton. They made the railroad survey and the road was graded, the village was platted and the town laid out. R.W. Davis and Madison Berry bought out the promoters and began at once to make improvements. Mr. Berry donated the ground for the park, to be used for recreation.

T.G. Black and W.S. Berry erected a store house on the east side of the railroad tracks facing the railroad. In fact, all the early stores on either side of the railroad were built to face the tracks. Land at that time was planted in corn and was fenced with rails, so in going to the stores, the fence had to be laid down to get there.

A brick store was built by H.J. Huestis in 1856 and W.J. McClure built the Irving Hotel. A passenger train stopped each morning while passengers and train crew were served breakfast at this hotel. At this time, W. W. Wiley was railroad agent and post master. He and Mr. Black built a large store house and in 1859 they built the first two brick buildings in the village.

In 1855 a steam flour mill was erected by Kelly and Wiley. A second mill was built by Hanners and Williams in 1868. H.M. Kelly also operated a mill which he bought and moved into the village, and Ezekiel Grantham operated a mill at one time.

In 1870 and 1871 two large elevators were built along the railroad to handle grain in bulk.

A Mr. Sanford built the first blacksmith shop and other blacksmiths included D.H. Luther, A.M. Edwards, J. Scherer and Mr. Bell.

Among others who contributed to the progress of the village and township were Isaac Lewey, C.B. Cromer, John McDavid, Milton Berry, Charles McKinney, Dr. R. Parkhill, John Wiley, Sam Wiley, Noah Taylor, Jacob Lewey, George File, Marvin Thumb, Marshall Winn, Henry Latham, Samuel Bartlett, James Morain and many others. The descendants of many of these earlier settlers still reside in Irving.

Before much longer, the village had a clothing store, hardware stores, millinery shops, restaurants, bank, weekly newspaper, livery stables, and harness shops.

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The early settlers lived humble, economical and industrial lives. They gathered together at parties, corn huskings, log rollings, apple parings, carpet rag tackings, spelling bees and singing schools and according to old tales, now and then some skulduggery was promoted-- by the pranksters.

Many changes occurred during the early and middle 1900s. the main street stores were changed to face the present highway, new buildings replaced the old ones destroyed by fire, a new railroad was built giving a double track to St. Louis, later garages and service stations-- replaced the blacksmith shops, truck service replaced freight by train automobiles made passenger service by train unprofitable, livery stables discontinued to operate and the double railroad track was reduced to one track. The present freight trains are all through trains and contract only distant hauling. There is no passenger service and the depot has been razed.

Various other businesses have come and gone. In fact changes is surely a permanent thing. Irving, having no major industries to perpetuate its growth, instead of becoming an industrial area, it has to some extent become more or less a residential village of which we, its citizens are justly proud.



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EARLY AND INTERESTING ORDINANCES

In April 1867 the village board voted to make board walks, boards to be one inch thick with sills four feet apart, and street crossings to be two inches thick in oak lumber and twenty inches wide.

The president of the board announced that the first Sat. night each month after the full of the moon would be meeting night.

Regulating the rate of speed of railroad trains-" Be it ordained- by the president and trustees of the board that the rate of speed for trains and hand cars on the St. Louis, Alton, and Terrehaute Railroads within the incorporation of Irving shall not be more than five miles per hour."

In 1870 it was voted to levy an additional tax of one percent on all property to assist the Indianapolis and St. Louis Railroad in building a "Depot House" and that the public square be fenced. Bids for the fencing were submitted by Silas Kelly, Hunter and Satterlee J.M. Taulbee, and H.M. Kelly. H.M. Kelly had the lowest bid of \$156.90 and was given the contract.

Samuel F. King was appointed attorney for the town and a committee drew designs for a public house for the corporation with a calaboose attached in the same year.

1872, an ordinance was passed relative to boys getting on and off trains in the corporate limits of the village.

1873, the board voted that weighing scales and hog pens on the corner of State and Pine Streets near the business house of M.A. Satterlee was a public nuisance and were to be removed.

November, 1891 it was voted to hire C.P. Satterlee to attend to the calaboose and street lamps for five dollars per month.

August, 1893 Ridgeway Addition was laid out, platted and added to the village of Irving.

1898, the Modern Woodmen of America was granted exclusive right of the street and park for Fourth of July Celebration; An ordinance granting Howett and J. J. Frey a twenty year franchise to erect poles, wires and apparatus in the streets, alleys and public places for the purpose of installing a telephone system; voted to turn all tramps kept overnight in the calaboose out on Saturday morning in order that they get out of town; and several brick walks were laid.

Early 1900s, Electric light at side of Winn's crossing was to be rented from Hillsboro Electric Co. for a term of ten years; A twenty five series of Tungsten lights at various places in the village would burn each night except when the moon shone brightly, cost- twenty four dollars per year; voted to give Peoples' Mutual Telephone Company the privilege of using streets and alleys for the erection of telephone poles; Ordinance in relation to granting franchise for electric light and power permit was given Hillsboro Electric Light and Power Company to erect poles in streets, alleys and public places for the purpose of conveying electricity; and a special ordinance for constructing sidewalks on some streets was approved.

1911, Every ablebodied male inhabitant of the village between the ages of twenty one and fifty except campers, idiots, or lunatics shall labor on the streets and alleys for twenty days each year or pay into the village treasury \$1.50 or be prosecuted (put into the calaboose) with only clean water and well baked bread 3 times a day. If he is still stubborn, he will be placed in solitary confinement; declared unlawful to permit any wooden box to be used for spittoon purposes; Anyone riding a horse or mule in any street or alley in the village at

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a speed of more than ten miles per hour shall be fined, and speed in turning from one street to another shall be at five miles per hour; No animal or geese shall be allowed to run at large within corporate limits; and more concrete walks were constructed.

1917, Fred Keisling was appointed village marshal.

1919, Harry Truitt was appointed to rope off Main Street for the free Saturday night movies.

1924, Botkin and Funk pool room was given a license and C. M. Crissman was appointed to assist policeman during the free shows.

1934, Howard Davis was elected policeman.

1935, A wage scale was set at thirty five cents per hour for common labor in the village.

1942, Voted to contact W.P.A. and request an allotment of labor and material for a drainage project.

1954, Illinois Power Company Substation was deeded to the village and later to the fire department, which was operating at that time.

1959, Railroad crossings at Spruce and Cedar Streets were closed and Pine Street railroad crossing widened with signal lights installed

1961, The village voted in favor of a public water system. A contract was given to Freeburg Construction Company, a tower was built, and water mains and meters were installed. Water was turned on officially January 2, 1962.

1962, The Illinois Light and Power Company laid gas mains and installed meters. October, 1962, natural gas was made available to all who requested it.

1963, April - Ivan and Robert Caulk installed a coin laundry in their building adjoining their grocery store.

SCENE ON IRVING MAIN STREET MANY YEARS AGO

Left to right: Bert Cole, Owen McKinney, Thomas Hefley, Marshall Winn, Thomas Hunter, Howard Carriker and at the end, Unknown. Seated in front is Homer O. Green.



OLD IRVING DWELLING

Probably one of the oldest houses in Irving, built in the early 1800s is now the home of Mrs. Mary Rucker Padgett and is located on Spruce Street. She was told many years ago that the front room was used as a voting place when Lincoln was elected President, the ballots being handed out the front window to voters.



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Mr. and Mrs. Walter Helfer moved from Hillsboro to the Irving community in 1952. Being members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints and since there was no organization of that church in Irving, Mrs. Helfer-held classes for the children in the home.

In March, 56 the Helfers bought-- the two story house located on the west side of the tracks owned by Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Everley. They moved-into this house and on July 15 of the same year Mrs. Helfer organized the "Home Sunday School" with the approval of the church authorities in Springfield with which the Irving area was associated. Lillian Hutchins, an eight year old neighbor was the only person present except for the Helfer family. A total of eight persons were in attendance the first Sunday. As time went on the attendance increased.

In separating for classes they assembled around the kitchen table-- and due to lack of teachers, Mrs. Helfer taught two classes of thirty minutes each.

Visiting Elders from western states who were serving two year missions without pay came now and then to assist with the services. In 1957 Elders Larry Mortensen and Garry Christians were placed in Irving by the president of Northern States Mission with headquarters in Chicago and they labored for six weeks in this community.

Mrs. Helfer's daughter, Darlene left early in 1957 when she and her husband moved to Ogden, Utah and Mrs. Helfer was left with no help. It became necessary for some of the children to come early for classes. Later exercises were held after which they assembled for a closing song and prayer. Much time and money was spent to prepare for projects which must be used as a substitute for a teacher.

In the early part of 1962 the Helfer family bought a home on the same street, leaving the old house to be used entirely for church purposes.

Since August of 1962 seven missionaries have been sent to labor- in the Irving vicinity. Elder Bruce Ehlerst and Elder David Pentelute organized a basketball team, youth club, the Mutual Improvement Association and the primary association.

The past few years, Irving has been changed from the Springfield branch to the Centralia branch of the church. In Apr., 1963 the Irving church was formed into a dependant branch with a membership of sixty.

At the present time, the primary has an enrollment of twenty-nine children, there are five officers and thirty-four active members.

Members are looking forward to some day replacing the old house- with a new church.



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The Irving Christian Church was organized in 1853 with eighteen charter members. The congregation held meetings in the school house when it was available and in groves in the summer, and at times they were held in the homes of members.

Some of the earlier ministers were Taulbee, Lynn, and Ward and they preached whenever a place could be found. In 1876 Rev. R.B. Gilbert reorganized the congregation with twenty-one members.

In 1878 a chapel was built, the lot being donated by Catherine Berry, mother of Milton Berry, that lot being the present site of the church. The services continued until 1885, when by death and removal of families to other places, services were discontinued.

In 1893, W. H. Boles from Eureka held a six weeks' meeting and reorganized the church with eighty-three members. Some of the families who came into the church at that time were W.C. Vandever, W.N. Taylor, Milton Berry, R. J. Cockelreas, Charles Cook, W.P. Mason, Joseph Mason, John Senior, W.T. Ault, C. A. Grantham, J. Vanhoosier and others.

To accomodate a larger membership, a new church was built and dedicated on June 13, 1920. The dedicatory services were conducted by H.H. Peters of Bloomington. Mrs. Maria Senior (80 years), grandmother of Mrs. Anna Canaday was the only charter member present.

The building committee included C.A. Grantham, Milton Berry, Frank Turnbull, W. A. Vandever, and E. A. Lyerla.

One of the ministers who served the church the longest was Rev. M. L. Easterling who now lives in Decatur although he and his wife maintain their home here.

W. A. Vandever who left Irving when a young man, had always kept his membership in the Irving Christian Church and was an ardent supporter as were his brothers and sisters.

The church celebrated its centennial at an all day service on Sunday, September 13, 1953, the pastor, Rev. M.L. Easterling preaching the sermon at the morning service and Mrs. Anna Canaday read the history of the church.

The Rev. Paul Rhodes is the present pastor; trustees are Jacob Stokes, Howard Davis, Fred Lyerla; Elders are Ross McPherson, Jacob Stokes, Howard Davis, and Fred Lyerla (Emeritus), and Sunday School Superintendent is Ross McPherson.



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The Irving Free Methodist church was organized in December, 1880 in the carpenter shop of Isaiah Grantham. Rev. William B. Colt was chairman and did the organizing. Members placed on first class roll were Washburn Smith (local preacher), Theodore Hefley (class leader), Ida King, Isabelle Vandever, Sally Satterlee, Ambrose Smith, Leonard King, Lou Hefley, and Samuel King.

First services were held in homes for about a year and the next winter, Rev. Colt and Rev. Robert Sanderson held a meeting in the carpenter shop. Rev. Thomas Marsh came the next fall as the first pastor and held a meeting in the Christian church. At this time Irving with Ohlman and Robert's chapel formed a circuit.

In the fall of 1881 a church was partly built and the congregation worshipped all winter without it being plastered. The building was completed the following summer and dedicated by Rev. James Marsh. Trustees were Silas Kelly, William H. Edwards, C.H. Tiffin, John Bartlett, and William H. Nickey.

The Irving and Hillsboro Free Methodist churches were made a circuit in 1890 and remained as such until 1932.

By 1926 the membership was so small that the District Elder, Rev. J. D. Williams advised closing the doors of the church and taking the membership to Hillsboro. Rev. Clara Roberts (now Mrs. J.G. Yeck) heard of this and offered to hold a meeting with no remuneration. In May a tent meeting was held in the park. Rev. Roberts preached and the church revived and took on new life.

Aug. 22, 1932, the Irving society requested the annual conference to divide the Hillsboro-Irving circuit and the request was granted. Rev. Clara Roberts served as pastor and continued until 1934 when the church was served by student pastors part of the time.

The Masonic Hall which was originally the Cumberland Presbyterian church was bought by the Free Methodist church on Sept. 22, 1940, and in 1942 the Truitt property adjoining the church was purchased for a parsonage.

A building fund was started in 1956 and the following year a committee met with the District Superintendent, Rev. B.F. Hibbett to make plans for building a new church. By 1961 sufficient funds had been raised and subscribed. Under the pastorate of Rev. Claude Griffith, construction was begun and by July 10 the cornerstone was laid.

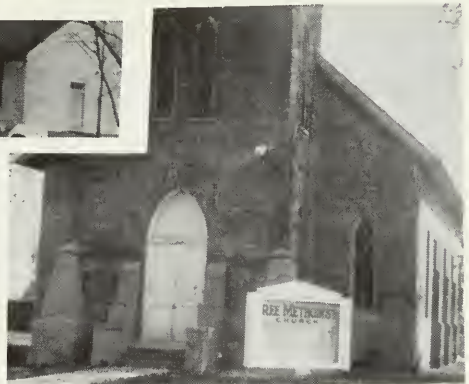
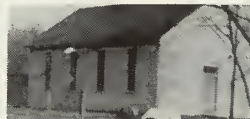
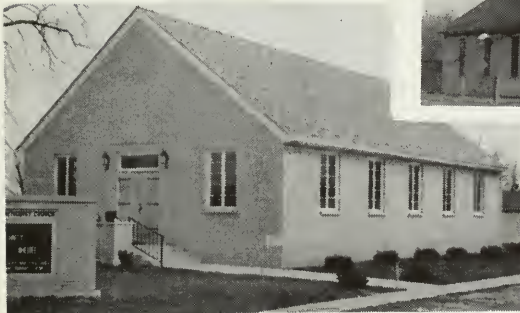
Sunday afternoon, May 20, 1962, the dedication service was held with Bishop Marston bringing the message. Lewis Mose, president of the board of trustees presented the building for dedication.

The present pastor of the Free Methodist church is Rev. David Dyer; bd. of trustees are Lewis Mose, Ray White, Frank Carriker, James Cranfill and Eustace Payme; stewards are Ruth Haley, Daisy Payne and Dorothy Meisenheimer; Sunday school superintendent, James Cranfill; and class leader, Declecia White.

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The Epworth League was organized 1890, the Junior Epworth League in 1894, cradle roll in 1902 and Missionary society in 1905. In 1910, at an Epworth League meeting, it was decided to build a new church and Lizzie Grantham gave the first five dollars toward the building fund. The old church was torn down and the present church was built. A very inspiring dedication service was held, Feb. 26, 1911, by the District Supt., B.F. Shipp, D.D. and the church Pastor, Rev. E.O. Clark. Funds were raised to clear all indebtedness.

In 1917 the Live Wire class of the Sunday School was organized and is still active. The Helping Hand class was organized in 1921 and was active until one by one each member passed away. The Hy Shy Ny class was organized in 1928 and is still very active.

In 29 the church celebrated its Centennial with all day services. The Pastor was Rev. J. W. Williams and Rev. A. M. Wells delivered the morning sermon. This organization was called the Methodist Episcopal church until 39 when the Methodist Episcopal church, Methodist church South and Protestant churches were united into one Methodist church. The Women's society of Christian service was organized in September 8, 1940, taking the place of the Ladies Aid which had been in existence since 1899.

There have been many improvements through the years. In 1870 the first organ was placed in the church, in 1899 a new organ was purchased, in 1921 the Live Wire Class bought the first piano, in 1958 a Hammond electric organ was purchased and later a new piano. In 1962 much work was accomplished with more planned for 1963.

Many ministers have served the church and two have died while serving, the Rev. E. E. Shult in 1931 and Rev. Lester Earp in 1961. The membership is now 144 and many others attend services and help in the work.

The Rev. David Lofdahl is the present pastor, Lynn Eddington is president of the official board and Mrs. Walter Sturgeon is Sunday School Superintendent.

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FORMER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Irving Cumberland Presbyterian church was organized in 1830-- under the leadership of Joel Knight. In 1866 the congregation built a brick church on the site of the present Free Methodist Church. The Rev. W. J. McDavid was instrumental in building up the congregation and in 1903 a new church was planned.

The building committee included John T. McDavid, Sr., John E.-Knight, H. M. Kelly, Abner Moore, Dr. W.V. Parkhill, A.K. Vandever and C. B. McKinney. While the building was being erected, church services were held in the Kelly and Winn Hall. The church was built one block southeast of the Lutheran church on Pine St., the cost of the building and contents being \$6300, all of which was paid before the dedication, January 1, 1905. The church seated four hundred people and was lighted with a gasoline lighting system.

The first minister was Rev. D.W. Cheek and among ministers following were W.J.McDavid, W.K.Gibson, J.M.Newman, A.J.Taylor, W.L. McWhorter and J. C. Lowe.

Shortly after the new church was dedicated, the name Cumberland-- was dropped and it became the Presbyterian church.

Later, the house now owned and occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Glenn E. Wells was built for the Presbyterian Manse.

The church burned in 1923 and the congregation decided against rebuilding but to join or affiliate with other Irving churches.



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In 1858 a number of people of Lutheran faith decided to organize and a church was built in the village. The constitution was signed August 21, 1858, by Isaac Short, Pastor William A. Newcomb, George-File and W.M. Neisler. There were twelve charter members and in a short-time the membership increased to forty-five.

March 29, 1863 the second pastor, Rev. John B. Cromer, an ordained minister from Indiana became the pastor of the church.

Many pastors served the Irving Lutheran church during the next-forty-five years and the congregation continued to grow.

December 26, 1908 a congregational meeting was held at the church and a decision was made to erect a new church on the same site. A building committee was appointed and were Rev. E.E. Campbell, Julius Carr-iker, William H. File, and James Drew.

The new church was completed in 1909 at a cost of \$7600.00. It was dedicated February 20, 1910, with Dr. Yarger, Field Secretary of the General Synod as speaker.

In 1912 the first church parsonage was sold to Mrs. H. Price and the following year the present parsonage was built at a cost of \$3200. At the time the parsonage was built Rev. George Parker was pastor.

The eightieth anniversary of the Irving Evangelical Lutheran church was celebrated September 11, 1938, during the pastorate of Rev. Arthur E. Schmidt.

The one hundredth anniversary of the church was celebrated September 21, 1958, during the pastorate of the Rev. Jens Larson.

The Irving Lutheran church has at different times been connected with other Lutheran charges in the surrounding area, the same pastor serving both congregations.

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MAIN STREET BUILDINGS

The building at the left was built by W.E. Morain and used for a real estate and insurance office until he moved to Hillsboro. Clinton Cockelreas operated the "Town Tavern" there until his death, and for a short time it was operated by John Dal Canton. The building was sold to W.V. Berry who used it as an insurance office and supervisor's office until he retired, also used for village and township boards meeting and polling place for precinct one.

Next is the Barber Shop operated by Everett Spindel who bought it in 1960. It was built by E. P. Carriker who with several of his sons operated it many years. Several years, Charlotte Morehead's Beauty--- was in the rear. Several others operated barber shops after Mr.--- Carriker retired and his son, Charlie moved to California.

Kelly Mercantile Company has been operated by Foster and Edna Kelly in the next building (Owned by W. V. Berry) since January, 1952, after burning out in the corner building, September, 1951. Mr. Kelly started in business with his father, R. L. Kelly in November 1916 in the old Kelly Brothers' location, now a vacant lot west of Montgomery County Vault Service. He bought the Donavan Drug Store and building in 1929 and in 1931 the two stocks were combined in the drug store building. R.L. Kelly retired in 1936 and in 1938 the grocery stock was sold to L.R. Hammond. Mr. Kelly bought the remaining stock of Fowler Hdwre. Company, combining it with Kelly Mercantile Company. In November, 1963 Mr. Kelly will have completed forty-seven years of store management in Irving and his slogan now is: "Planning to hang on until I'm 65."

Rice's Cafe was remodeled in 1956 by the Wesley Edwards family. Two buildings which were combined formerly housed several shoe repair shops and grocery stores. The Edwards family operated the cafe three years and the Forrest Snow family for one year before the business was bought by Mr. and Mrs. Rice in 1961 and is still operated by them.



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On record in the National Archives, a post office was established at Irving on July 9, 1856 at which time William Wiley was postmaster and occupied a building near the present site of the fire house.

In 1861, Hiram Huestis followed by James Berry in 1873 occupied buildings in the same area. John Knight moved into the brick building west of the old hotel in 1878 and remained until John Cottle became postmaster in 1881, followed by Rachel Cottle in 1884. At that time the post office was moved to a frame building between the corner and hotel building.

Then in 1885 the post office was moved over on the site of the present highway, Route 16 by George Rarer, postmaster. Again, Rachel Cottle became post master in 1889, serving until William Williams was appointed in 1893 and moved to the present American Legion Hall site.

Abner Moore took office in 1898 and moved to the location which is now Rice's Cafe. He was followed by Wm. Berry who took office in 1900 and served in quarters joining the present post office building.

In 1915 Walter Berry became postmaster and served in the building that is now Kelly Mercantile Store.

William A. Cook became postmaster in 1935, when he purchased and moved to what is now known as the old post office building. He served until his death in 1952.

This vacancy was filled by Charley Funk until the appointment of George Bryce in 1955. The post office building at this time was owned by Arline Cook, widow of William A. Cook and leased to the Post Office Department.

In 1960, under a commercial leasing plan, Harold Jurgena erected a new building to meet specifications set up by the Department. The building is at the site of the former Kelly Mercantile Store which burned several years ago. On October 22, 1960, the new building with nearly twelve hundred feet floor space was dedicated and occupied by the post office, the first time in the history of Irving that the post office had located in a building erected especially for this purpose.

Knowing well the hardships of mud roads, horses, Model T Fords and long hours is Walter Neisler, now retired after forty-three years of service. Another retired carrier still living in this community is Walter Satterlee who recalls leading the horses with sacks of mail around the route, due to muddy roads.

Other rural mail carriers of the earlier days are names to be recalled such as William H. Haller, Roy Lipe and Willis Tester, all deceased.

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On the first floor of the two story building at the left is a grocery and meat market owned and operated by Ivan and Robert Caulk, who have been in business since 1946. The upper story belongs to the Masonic Lodge.

The building was built by F. P. Cockerleas who used the first floor for his general store and rented the hall above. Later, L.R. Hammond operated a grocery and meat market until 1945 and William Lorts also operated the store for a short time.

The second two story building is owned by Ivan and Robert Caulk who installed a coin laundry in April, 1963. There are ten (12 pound) G. E. Washers and four dryers. Most people will remember the location as the Botkin Restaurant, although others who had restaurants in this location included William Meyers, Valle Funk, C.L. Funk, Robert Funk and others.

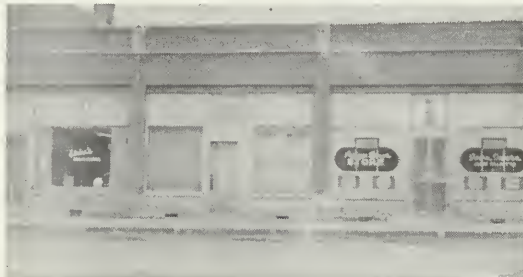


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TOWN TAVERN

The first building houses Elaine's Beauty Coiffure opened April 15 by Elaine House. The building is owned by James "Felix" Dalzotto and was formerly the Klimek Variety Store.

The Town Tavern owned and operated by Mr. Dalzotto occupies the two buildings at the right. John DalCanton started the tavern at this location in 1949 and after his retirement, it was operated by Mr. and Mrs. Harold Singler for two years. The past seven years, the business has been owned and operated by Mr. Dalzotto.



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Pictured left, a corn drier, the office with elevator above and attached to the right, the grinding and mixing room. Far right is the fertilizer storage building.



C.L. FUNK MARATHON SERVICE STATION

The building was erected around forty years ago by Charles McHugh who operated a shell Service Station until March 1, 1933 when he sold the business to William K. Hamilton. October 1, 1955 C.L. Funk bought out Mr. Hamilton and continued with Shell Service until a short time ago when he changed to Marathon.



EVERLEY MACHINE SHOP

Stanley Everley opened a garage in 1942 in the L. H. Cockelrears building. In 1947, he built a concrete block building on the east side of Main Street, Where he continued mechanical work on cars until 1953.

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He continued in the garage business in various locations including Route 16 Garage and the Lingle building.

In 1955 Mr. Schoeneweis built a new modern garage at the site of the former Cockelrears Livery Stable and he is still in business there.



CAULK BROTHER TRUCKING SERVICE

Kenneth Caulk is pictured standing by one of the trucks owned and operated by him and his brother Lamar Caulk. The building was the former Kelly packing house and was purchased by the brothers in 1958. They have been in the trucking business since 1941 and for a time another brother, Lynn Caulk was associated with them. Other buildings ---- where the Caulks operated were the service station on the Douglas used car lot and the former Chal Groner building on the corner of Main and Pine Streets.



CANNING FACTORY IN THE 1920s

The former canning factory building was built in 1920 by a group of twenty farmers and it was in operation for around five years. E.O. Brookman and Frank Rhinehart were managers and there were four men and about ten women employed to prepare and can tomatoes, beans and some corn. Shipments were made to Alton and there were also local sales. P. R. Baker recalls that he and John-Schraudt helped in laying the concrete blocks and at that time Mr. Baker was Vice President of the organization. The building is now owned by Neisler Feed and Grain Company and houses the large trucks operated by the company.



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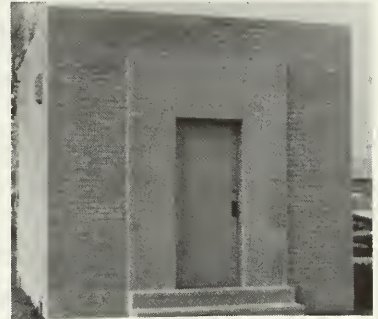
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BUSINESSES ON PINE STREET

To the far left is shown a part of the Township building which houses equipment for road work. Melvin "Pappy" Stokes is the present highway commissioner for the township and is starting his third term.

The next three buildings house Montgomery County Vault Service. The first two were purchased from Tittsworth and Hefley on February 1, 1951 by Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Randle. Mr. Randle died November 1, 1957 and Mrs. Randle continued with the business. These buildings were used for making and storing vaults until 1961, when she bought the main building to the right, which is used for an office with vault manufacturing and storage in the rear.

Mrs. Randle remarried and she and her husband, Allen Edwards operate a flourishing business, servicing Bond, Macoupin and Montgomery Counties. There are three trucks in operation.



★ THE TELEPHONE

The Peoples Mutual Telephone Company was organized in 1902 and the first Irving Office was in one of the buildings now owned by the Montgomery County Vault Service. It was then owned by A.K. Vandever. The office was later moved into the front room of the Dr. F.J. Fullerton home and office and in 1913 the telephone office was moved into a small building at the site of the present office. At that time, managers were a Mr. Barnard, Cade Hamlin, Paul Zimmerman and Walter McLean and directors were Neal McLean, A.K. Vandever and William Morain.

The first Irving telephone operator was Bertha Borrer. Following were Mary Rucker, Susie Stafford, Mabel Stafford, Philena Borrer, Flora Lessman, Esther Schraudt, and Ruth Toberman. Night operators were Belle and Lucile Carriker, and Dora Draper.

In 1930 the Mutual Telephone Company was taken over by the Ill. Consolidated Telephone Company and in 1940 the dial system was installed. The present new building was completed in December, 1955.

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DOUGLAS WORK SHOP AND PARTS STORE

Douglas and son recently moved to this location after being in the car wrecking and repair business for nearly twenty years. The building has housed hardware stores of Latham and Ludewick, Ludewick and Lingle Grantham and Auble, Davies and Auble, and Bartlett, besides restaurants, pool halls, garages and storage.



IRVING FIRE TRUCK AND STATION

Irving Volunteer Fire Department was organized in 1954. Present officers are Lamar Caulk, President and Robert Caulk, Secretary-Treasurer. The building was the former sub-station of Illinois Power and Light company, who deeded it to the village. They in turn deeded it to the Volunteer Fire Department.



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In 1948, Mrs. M. L. Easterling, a nurse realized the need for a home for patients who not necessarily needed hospital care, yet were unable to live in their own homes. To meet this need, she and Rev Easterling conceived the idea of building a home for this purpose. A Building was erected, much of the work being done by the Rev. Easterling, then Pastor of the Irving Christian church.

This building was the newest facility of its kind in the County. When completed, the public was invited to a dedication service on July 3, 1949. The Rev. L. Hadaway, Pastor of the Hillsboro Christian Church conducted the service and the home was named Rest Haven Convalescent Home. Open house was then held.

The staff included Rev. and Mrs. Easterling, Edith Grantham, Eleanor Brown, Roberta Canaday, Ruth Bost Martin, Blanche King Witter, Almedia Howard, Renatha Franklin, Judith Gates, Nellie Golden, and Mildred Furness.

Mrs. John Bottomley, Nokomis and Mrs. Marvin Weller, Hillsboro entered the Home July 10, 1949, and were the first patients. Others entered each day until all beds were taken.

In 1950 three rooms were added, including a sunroom, these being built by the Rev. Easterling.

Rev. and Mrs. Lon Sefton purchased the Home in June, 1956, and are the present owners. They have added 4 rooms for patients, a hall, bathroom and utility room.

The home is now incorporated and has a capacity for thirty beds.

Each Sunday morning a religious service is conducted for the patients and Rev. Sefton and sometimes guest ministers officiate at these services.

Many ministers, priests, church groups, clubs and other organizations as well as individuals call on patients, bringing gifts of food, reading material and other useful items. They visit with the patients who always appreciate any attention shown them.

The present staff includes Rev. and Mrs. Sefton, Catherine Hamrock (L.P.N.), Edith Grantham, Sara Durand, Harriet Hughes, Bernice Horn, Mildred Wilhelm, Phyllis Hughes Uhly, Wilma Barker, Mary Hartline, Lena Foiles, Mildred Furness, Grace Logsdon, Ida Hartman, Janet Krell, Linda Bledsaw, and June Hartline.



MI-EDD SHELTER CARE HOME

Mrs. Minnie Eddington for many years has opened her home to elderly people who were not bedfast. In 1961 she received a license for the MI-EDD Shelter Care Home, it being the first of its kind in Montgomery County. There are thirteen aged people who live in the Home.

Mrs. Eddington is assisted by Rena Bauer and Doris Taylor.



Early records state that the first Irving township school was in the southwest corner in 1829 and was taught by Mr. McIntire, age 70. Subscription schools were taught in deserted log cabins for \$1.50 to \$2.00 per pupil for a term of three months. The school day was usually ten hours long and the New Testament often served as the Reader.

Some of the early teachers included John Christian, Robert Franklin, James Jenkins and the latter's sister who taught a school in the Hopewell church. Wesley King taught a sixty day school in 1837 for \$36.00 for the entire term.

In 1847 the first frame school was built and was later moved into the village to a site across the road from the present school. A Mr. Frink was the first teacher. Other teachers at this "little school" were Nancy Hanks, Lottie Vandever and Miss Ault. The brick school across the road was used for the upper grades.

Lottie Vandever taught forty-five years in the Irving school and she and Effie Cromer were first Irving High School graduates, class of 1889. E. Tackaberry was principal at that time. Mary Carrier Lipe was a member of the class of 1894 and the oldest Alumnus. C. Whitechurch was principal.

During the latter part of 1904 and early 1905, school was closed for a number of weeks because of a smallpox epidemic. Many were seriously ill and there were two deaths.

In the spring of 1906 the school building was razed and the first brick building was completed that fall. In January, 1925 this building burned and was replaced by the present building.

The Irving Parent-Teacher Association was organized about 1930. They sponsored the first Hot Lunch program, serving lunches for five cents each. Mrs. Gertrude Lindsey is the present cook and lunches are now twenty-five cents.

The present P.T.A. officers are James White, pres.; Mrs. Harold Byers, vice-pres.; Mrs. Walter Helfer, secretary; and Harry Wallace, treasurer.

Irving High School was discontinued in 1948 and in '54, the Irving school became a part of the Hillsboro Community Unit, District three. Since 1956 the seventh and eighth grades have attended school in Hillsboro.

The present enrollment is sixty-nine, teachers are Earl Roe (Principal), Everett Lewey, Dorothy Meisenheimer, and Betty Ehmann. J.T. McNew is janitor.

Ava Lyerla Wells taught in the High School longer than any other teacher and Ina File Botkin was the first principal of the six grades.

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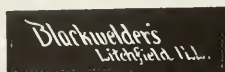
The kitchen staff for the first hot lunch program was started February 22, 1940. Pictured at work are Hazel Bost, Edith Grantham-Kenneth Furness, Grace Calhoun, and Rena Grill.



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Moncravie Unit 425 of the American Legion Auxiliary was organized in 1931 with 30 charter members. The first president was Nina Meyers and the 1963 president is Wilma Miles.

The organization carries on a work among veterans, hospitals and orphanages that is nation wide. Each year Moncravie Unit makes cash-donations to the nine-point program which includes supplying cigarette and creature comforts to hospitalized veterans, Insulin and Vaponef - rin Funds, Canteen books which put a dollar into the pocket of a veteran who otherwise has no spending money, Christmas gift shops, where disabled veterans may select free gifts for their families, Easter gifts, Hospitality Fund for hospital entertainment, support of Downey---Nursery, and maintenance of a Craft exchange where veterans may sell their handwork.

The child welfare program includes gifts for children of disabled veterans, cash donations to Illinois Soldiers' and Sailors' children's home, and sponsorship of two orphans at the Home.

Each month, the Unit sends 100 tray favors to Jacksonville State hospital and often to all the Irving nursing homes.

In May, the traditional veteran-made poppies are sold and the Unit helps plan and conduct Memorial services at Irving and several neighboring cemeteries.

Moncravie Unit is honored this year by having three district officers: Ruth Whitten, president; Virginia Caulk, secretary; and Edna Kelly, treasurer.

Past Auxiliary presidents include Nina Meyers, Ruth McLean, Edna Kelly, Mary Rebman, Emma Kessler, Faye Holmes, Verna Potterf, Edith Sturgeon, Ruby Carriker, Gertrude Drew, Ada Lipe, Mabel Reichel, Charlotte Morehead, Mary Bryce, Ruth Whitten, Virginia Caulk, and Sylvia Lyerla.

Moncravie Unit past presidents have united with the Hillsboro Past Presidents Parley on a social basis.

Meetings of both Post and Unit are the first Wednesday of each month at the American Legion Hall.

ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR --- IRVING

Carnation Chapter No. 771 Order of the Eastern Star was organized on June 22, 1915.

Charter members elected to office were Alice Bartlett, Worthy-Matron; Charles E. Padgett, Worthy Patron; Dilcie McLean, Associate Matron; Anna Cockelreas, Secretary; Cora Blizzard, Treasurer; Frances Bartlett, Conductress; Cecil Wiley, Associate Conductress; Catherine Hunter, Chaplain; Arthur Bartlett, Marshal; Dorles Rupe, Organist; Grace Stump, Adah; Geraldine Blizzard, Ruth; Ruth Crouch, Esther; Mayme Rhoads, Martha; Gertrude Sullivan, Electa; Julia Counton, Warder; Samuel Hunter, Sentinel.

Meetings were held in the Masonic Hall which was the former Cumberland Presbyterian church. The meetings at the present time are held in the Masonic Hall which is the entire top floor of the Caulk Grocery.

Geraldine Cress of Hillsboro is the only Charter member who still is a member of Carnation chapter.

Present officers are Clara Jachino, Worthy Matron; Homer Coffey, Worthy Patron; Eileen Hudson, Associate Matron; Charlie Funk, Assoc. Patron; Frankie Funk, Secretary; Linda Berry, Treasurer; Mary Fath, Conductress; Romelta Neisler, Associate Conductress; Fannie Thompson, Chap.; Bessie Beasley, Marshal; Wilma Tomamichel, Organist; Ava Wells Adah; Georgia Hodgkinson, Ruth; Joan Powis, Esther; Joyce Funk, Martha Ila Jurgena, Electa; Zelma White, Warder; Alan Hodgkinson, Sentinel.



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MASONIC LODGE NO.455 A.F. & A.M.



Irving Lodge No. 455 A.F. & A.M. was instituted in the year, 1865. The charter was granted on October 4 of the same year and charter members were E. B. Randle, B. S. Pitts, B. Leon, B.-E. Barnes, George M. Davenport, H.T. Huestis, John E. Lindley, John B. Cox, William B. VanHorn, William M. Cox, and Ryland Tuck.

The first officers were Worshipful Master, B. S. Barnes; Senior Warden, E. B. Randle; Junior Warden, George M. Davenport.

A hall where most of the first meetings were held was built in 1868 and was owned by the organization. It was later destroyed by fire and all records were burned. This hall was located at the site of the former Irving bank. After the fire, meetings were held in the Kelly and Winn Hall until the Lodge purchased the old Presbyterian church and after several years the upper story of the former F.P. Cockerleas building was bought. This hall is still the meeting place.

The Lodge now has a membership of one hundred thirty-six, five-members have received fifty year pins and are Walter V. Berry, Fred H. Keisling, Roy C. Parkhill, James V. Maurey, and F. P. Williams.

Present officers are Homer Coffey, Worshipful Master; Arnold Lapsansky, Senior Warden; Archie F. Friese, Junior Warden; Alan Hodgkinson, Treasurer; Charles Deluka, Secretary; John L. McCall, Senior Deacon; Alvin Lapsansky, Junior Deacon; Carl Larson, Chaplain; Robert Bates, Senior Steward; Glenn Martin, Junior Steward; Donald Rundle, Marshal; Reed Carver, Tyler.

Meetings are held the first Monday evening of each month.

Among members advanced higher in Masonry are the following Shriners: John Rhinehart, Mat Wembling, LeRoy Martin Glenn Martin, Glenn Wells, Clarence Doerr, Kenneth Martin, Olin Snyder, Drexel Neisler, and Walter Neisler.



IRVING UNIT-MONTGOMERY COUNTY HOMEMAKERS EXTENSION ASSOC.

The Irving Home Bureau Unit was organized March 18, 1947 at the home of Mrs. Minnie Eddington with fourteen charter members. The first Wednesday of each month was selected for the meeting date. Officers elected were chairman, Declecia White; Vice Chairman, Zelma White; Secretary, Ellen Reed; Treasurer, Pearl Eddington. The first meeting was held in April at the home of Zelma White.

Over a period of years the Unit has had many practical projects including sewing, cooking, home decorating and civic interests.

Busses have been chartered several times to give members a chance to visit places of interest.

Four different times a booth was entered by the Irving Unit at Farmers Institute and each time they received the "Blue Ribbon".

The Irving Unit celebrated its tenth anniversary on March 18 1957 at the Irving School. Three remaining charter members, Etta King, Declecia White, and Minnie Eddington were each presented Home Bureau Pins.

Miss Bennett was County Home Advisor when the Irving Unit was organized and the present Home Advisor is Betty Fox assisted by Shirl Jones. The name "Home Bureau" was changed to "Homemakers Extension Association" in July, 1962.

Present officers: Chairman, Declecia White; Vice Chairman, Mrs. Joe Malin; Secretary, Jean Eddington; Treasurer, Nell Botkin.

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LOYAL TEMPERANCE LEGION

Around the year 1910 and for about ten years, a thriving organization of the Women's Christian Temperance Union was active in Irving with a large membership.

In 1912 a Loyal Temperance Legion Club, a children's organization was formed with fifty members. Directors were Rena Satterlee, Della Coffey and Esther Schraudt. Meetings were held at the Free Methodist and Methodist churches and the Irving school. The work of both organizations was discontinued a few years later.

Again in 1950 the Loyal Temperance Legion held weekly meetings at the Methodist church, the director being Miss Esther Schraudt. The work has grown from year to year and for several years weekly meetings are held from the first of October to the last of April. The past year has been one of the best with a membership of thirty, carrying out the program of service and study prescribed by the National Office.

Officers for 1963 are Valerie White, President and Steven Randle, Vice President.

A public meeting is held each year to close the work. The club plants and cares for flowers on two plots of ground on Main Street and enjoys the friendship and help of many who encourage them in their work.



MAGNOLIA CAMP NO. 610 ROYAL NEIGHBORS OF AMERICA

Magnolia Camp No. 610 Royal Neighbors of America was organized in Nov. 2, 1905, with thirty five members, Alice Bartlett, Sarah Borrer, Myrtle Brown, Grace Berry, Cora Bond, Nora Cress, Laura Carriker, Addie Cockelreas, Sarah Caulk, Kate Cunningham, Julia Counton, Dora Fowler, Frank Fowler, Della Funk, Emma Hultz, Carrie Jones, Nancy King, Harry McLean, Martha Marks, Martha Owens, Hattie Redman, Almeda Sturgeon, Elizabeth Shreves, Lucy Sturgeon, Hattie Sturgeon, Mary Stauder, Eva Tobias, Josephine Pruitt, Dr. Parkhill, Anna Parkhill, Grace Parkhill, Valeria Whitten, Ina Whitten, Emma Williams, and Cleo Williams.

Some members say that Anna Cockelreas was recorder for many years but records have been lost and many important facts are not available.

The first meeting was held in Cockelreas Hall and later the Camp met in the old Masonic Hall building. Anna Parkhill was the first Oracle.

After fifty-four years the Camp disbanded and joined the Hillsboro Camp in 1959.

The final meeting of Magnolia Camp was held on the afternoon-- of July 31, 1959 at the home of Laura Carriker when two members of the Hillsboro Camp, Mrs. Carl Moore, Recorder and Mrs. Elvis Hicks, Receiver were guests. Officers of the local Camp at that time were Carrie King, Oracle; Luella Sims, Past Oracle; Romelta Neisler, Vice Oracle; Nell Hammond, Chancellor; Selma Eddington, Recorder pro tem; Selma Eddington, Receiver; Bessie McDowell, Marshal; Bessie McDowell, Manager; Dr. G. A. Telfer, Hillsboro, Physician.

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1947, the Irving Anti-Thief Association was organized and officers were Howard Davis, President; W. J. Lorts, Vice President; Glenn Rupe, Secretary; John Kluthe, Treasurer; Robert Bryce, Marshal; George Bryce Guard. Other members at that time were Ross Jarrett, Paul Skinner, Frank Drew, Ivan Caulk, Wendell Kessler, William K. Hamilton, Raymond White, Wayne McCulley, Eugene Davie, Roy Rupe, Thomas Hartman, Lynn Caulk, William Grubbs, Roy Denton, John Rhinehart, Frank Newberry, Harvey Bohlen, Charles Eddington, and Drexel Neisler.

The Anti-Thief Association is an organization composed of law abiding citizens who have banded together for mutual protection of its members against thieves and to cooperate with the civil authority in apprehending and bringing to justice all such offenders; to aid in the recovery of stolen property; and to educate our citizenship in the love of the flag, patriotism and charity to the needy and to all the order.

Because of the A.T.A. Irving Township is a better place to live.

Present officers are Clarence Pope, President; Raymond White, Vice President; Elmer Eddington, Secretary; Joseph Tomamichel, Financial Secretary; Clem Meisenheimer, Marshal; Clem McCulley, Guard.

LADIES AUXILIARY A.T.A.

A Ladies Auxiliary to the Illinois Division of the Anti-Thief Association was organized in November, 1948.

The Irving Ladies Aux. of the A.T.A. was the sixth in the State of Illinois. It was organized June 13, 1949 when officers elected were Declecia White, President; Lillie Rupe, Vice President; Leda Davis, Secretary; Iris McLean, Financial Secretary; Wilma Tomamichel, Marshal Ruth Brown, Chaplain; Marjory McCulley, Guard. Other Members were Eleanor White, Essie Caulk, Zelma White, Betty Caulk, Orgie Denton, Norma Caulk, and Rose Caulk.

The motto of the L.A. is to encourage right and discourage wrong. It helps members in sickness and death, helps senior citizens, and takes clothes and food to the needy.

Present officers are Marie McCulley, President; Declecia White, Vice President; Luella Eddington, Secretary; Wilma Tomamichel, Treasurer; Myrtle Armentrout, Marshal; Laura McNew, Chaplain; Edith Meisenheimer, Guard; Audrey Manning, Sentinel; Margaret Moxey, Patriotic Instructor.

THE VIEWMORE 4-H CLUB

The Viewmore 4-H Club, an agricultural club was started about ten years ago and is a very active organization.

Leaders are Lynn Eddington and George Blankenship, current officers are President, George Lee Blankenship; Vice President, Kevin Eddington; Secretary, James Krell; Treasurer, Virginia Boas; Reporter, Terry White; Recreation chairman, Gail Krell, Loretta Boas, and Billy Jurgens; and federation delegates, George Lee Blankenship and Kevin Eddington.

Monthly meetings are held at Ludewick Community House and there are currently twenty-five members.

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THE AMERICAN LEGION ---- MONCRAVIE POST 425



Moncravie Post 425 of the American Legion was organized in August, 1919 with 30 charter members. It was so named for James and Shirley Moncravie, Brothers who gave their lives in action in World War I.

The first commander was Clinton File and the first meeting place was the room above the Irving Times printing shop, a building still on Main Street but since made into two apartments.

After the Auxiliary was organized in 1931, both Post and Unit met in the Cockelrears Hall until it was purchased by the Masonic Lodge. In 1940 the Post bought and remodeled the corner building on the East side of Main Street and recently an addition was made for more room for meetings and suppers.

The Post has been active in community service, having sponsored boys at Boys' State, baseball teams, and Boy Scouts, and has purchased a hospital bed, walkers and wheel chairs to be used in the community.

This year the membership has reached an all-time high of 88 members. The present commander is Stanley Everley, a World War I veteran.

Past commanders are Clinton File, Dr. R. N. Canaday, William H. Meyers, Orin Cress, Charles Livingston, Charles Madge, John Reichel, Willis Sturgeon, Gloyd McLean, Guy E. Lewis, Dean Cunningham, Harry Kelly, Michael Walcher, Cecil Lipe, Howard Whitten, George Bryce, Charles Braden, Delbert Brown, Stanley Everley, Thomas Young, Lynn Caulk, John A. Downs, Lawrence Brown, and John Walters.

Moncravie Post strives to live up to the pledge:

For God and country we associate ourselves together for the following purposes: to uphold and defend the constitution of the United States of America; to maintain law and order; to foster and perpetuate a one-hundred percent Americanism; to preserve the memories and incidents of our assoc. in the great wars; to inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation; to combat the autocracy of both the classes and the masses; to make right the master of might; to promote peace and good will on earth; to safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom, and democracy; to consecrate and sanctify our comradeship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness.



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IRVING BOOK CLUB

The Irving Book Club is a study club which meets each month. The original name of the club was "The Jolly Dozen" which was organized in 1915 when Mrs. L. R. Hammond and Mrs. Charles Sullivan decided they needed more social life. They invited four friends--to join them and each was asked to invite a friend to make a membership of twelve, including Mrs. Hammond, Mrs. Sullivan, Mrs. Ed Meyers, Mrs. Floyd Weeks, Mrs. Charles Carriker, Mrs. Dorles Rupe, Mrs. Chester Kelly, Mrs. Jean Grantham, Mrs. Everett Brown, Mrs. Hal Whitten, Mrs. Homer Green, and Mrs. Orin Cress.

The club continued to thrive, some of the members moved away, some died and others were asked to become members to keep the membership at twelve.

Several years ago the name was changed to "The Book Club" and there are at present nine members, including Mrs. L. R. Hammond, Mrs. Everett Brown, and Mrs. Hal Whitten who were charter members, Mrs. Ivan Lingle, Mrs. Howard Davis, Mrs. Glenn E. Wells, Mrs. Paul Downs, Mrs. L.V. Botkin, and Mrs. Guy Lewis.



BUSY BEE COUNTRY CLUB

The Busy Bee Country Club was organized during World War I by a group of farm women in the Irving vicinity as a working unit of the Red Cross. They met regularly and knitted sweaters, scarves and helmets for boys in service.

After the Armistice, the club disbanded and later reorganized, taking in all members of the families and meeting monthly at the homes.

During World War II, the club again worked with the Red Cross, making layettes and other articles for hospitals and other places where needed.

During the years, many quilts have been made for needy families and boxes of clothing have been collected to be taken where needed.

Original charter members still belonging to the club are Mr. and Mrs. P. R. Baker and Mrs. Minnie Eddington. Now Children and grandchildren of members are continuing in the work of offering help to all who are in need.

Members of the present Busy Bee Country Club are the Homer Eddington, Lynn Eddington, Homer Eugene Eddington, Norman Drew, P.R. Baker, James Roper families, Mrs. Minnie Eddington, Miss Bertha Burton, and Miss Esther Schraudt.



WEDNESDAY CLUB

Organized in 1927, the Wednesday Club has held monthly meetings all through the years. Mrs. Arthur Kelly started the club by inviting eleven young married friends to her home.

In the beginning, pencil games and contests were held and later the Wednesday Pinochle Club was started.

Several members dropped out and were replaced to keep the membership at twelve.

Present members are Mrs. Louis Colonius, Mrs. Clarence Furness, Mrs. Chas. Eddington, and Mrs. Wilbur Jurgena who were charter members Mrs. Wilbur White, Mrs. Arthur Beasley, Mrs. Kenneth Berry, Mrs. Alan Hodgkinson, Mrs. Harry Funk, Mrs. Drexel Neisler, Mrs. C. L. Funk, and Mrs. Ivan Caulk.

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The Pioneer Girls Club is a Christian club for girls between the ages of eight and eighteen. The Irving group is the Pilgrim group -- for girls in grades three to six and was organized in November, 1962.

Meetings are held each Tuesday afternoon during the school year at the Irving Lutheran church and consist of column council (taking shares, Bible study and prayer), informal activity of handcraft, games or badgework, songs and Bible exploration.

Average attendance is twelve and includes Betsy Martincic, Debbie Reynolds, Connie and Patti Rice, Mary Turner, Connie Wilhelm, Linda Criswell, Carol Jurgena, Kay Krell, Ann Norris, Monnie Byers, and Glodene Helfer.

Handwork Projects are making bathsalts, candles, sewcraft notebooks, yarn octopuses, embroidery pictures, May baskets, gifts for mothers' Day, and finger painting.

Social gatherings include a wiener roast, Hallowe'en party, Christ mas caroling, skating party, Valentine party, St. Patrick party, singing Easter Hymns at Rest Haven, and a three mile hike. Plans have been made for a party each month during the summer, and regular meetings to resume in September.

Each girl has a Pal who gives fifty cents per month for the support of the organization and one gift during the year to her Girl.

Guides are Mrs. Bradley Collins, Mrs. Kenneth Criswell, and Mrs. Wayne Eddington and party and refreshment committee, is Mrs. Ross McPherson and Mrs. Robert Eddington.

EARLIER PHYSICIANS

Since the year 1858 there have been many doctors with offices in Irving and at one time there were three practicing physicians here. The first on record was Dr. J. H. Spears and following were W.F. Linn, Elias Petra, J.P. Murphy, B.F. Burries, Hart, Tuck and Nicholby, Sweet Joseph Cobb, A.B. Ault, Fleming, Isaac Short, W.H. Whitten, J.F. Hobson, W.B. Sprinkle, W.V. Parkhill, McMahon, Patch, McGibbon, P.J. Fullerton Stanton, R.N. Canaday, George Grantham, R.A. Hamilton, and P.H. Winans (Dentist).

IRVING HOTEL

The Irving Hotel was built in the middle 1800s by William McClure, grandfather of Eva File Sturgeon.

Among other proprietors were Frank McClure, A. H. Bartlett, L.R. Hammond, W.H. Stewart and E.S. Blizard. The last owners were the Lee Hutchins family who made it their home.

A few years ago the building was torn down and the land sold to Rolland and Phyllis Hughes Uhlyr who live at the former Moncravie home nearby.

The picture taken in 1910 shows Mr. and Mrs. W.H. Stewart and Maggie Hudson, an employee.



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THE IRVING TIMES OF YESTERDAY

The first Irving Times building was on the corner near the present fire engine building and the weekly newspaper was started in the 1890s. The first editor was Sam Cottrell who later sold out to Clark Roberts and A. K. Vandever. Mr. Vandever bought Mr. Robert's interest and was assisted in editing the paper by his sons, Lester and Ed.

It is unknown just when the Times operated in the concrete block building which is pictured but the paper was printed in this building for many years.

Among the editors of the paper were Rev. O.K. Doney, Jesse Sanders, C.L. Cockelreas, Arthur Bartlett, F. P. Williams, Lester Truitt, J.H. Carriker, and Ross Berry. Typesetters and other employees included Della Coffey, Mabel Truitt, C.A. Grantham, Lucile Carriker, Hazel Stewart, Floyd Weeks, Gertrude Bost, Eva Bond, and Kate Ault.

Clippings and advertisements from some of the old papers:

1903: "T. R. Coffey's have the small pox, his wife and one child being down with the disease, hence the quarantine. Dr. Fullerton thinks that with the undivided support of the people the small pox can be confined to the one family."

1905: "Chas. Vandever left Tuesday for Tulsa, Indian Territory. He will again work at the barber trade. He expects to open up a shop and locate permanently in the territory."

"Found! A Suitcase with clothing in it was found in C.C. Ault's cornfield. Owner call and pay charges and receive it. Mrs. C.C. Ault."

"A lot of 40 and 42 Blue Stripe overalls worth 75 cents, go at 50 cents a pair while they last. C. B. McKinney."

"Shirts with a guarantee, prices 50c, 75c, and \$1.00. Berry and Harkey."

"Round Oak stoves at Lingle and Ludewick."

"Reduced to \$2.48 per suit, the "Khaka" Army suits while they last. A. H. Kelly."

1909: "J.R. Harkey has resigned from the Board of Directors of the Irving National Bank and has accepted a position with J.J. Frey's real estate office in Hillsboro."

"I will sell Tower Hill Coal lump on car at \$2.00 per ton, delivered at \$2.25 - Ed Whitlock."

"The Hot Blast Florence stove for sale by Auble and Grantham."

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"Buy your shoes at Coffey's shoe store, T.R. Coffey, Proprietor"

"A safe place to put your savings. Irving National Bank."

"School supplies. Arthur Kinhead"

1912: "Miss Bessye Cockelreas has opened a new millinery store in the Spears building opposite Platt's vehicle store. She will conduct the business herself, promising her customers courteous and efficient service."

"Fall opening of Elzee hats at Huestis and Grantham's."

1918:

"Dixie horse feed, \$1.85 per hundred pounds, Bradshaw and Bryce."

"Wiley's grocery for good things to eat."

"For sale. One feather bed and one kitchen range. Mrs. H.S. Baker."

"November 14, One of the noticeable features here in the parade-- was Mrs. Elizabeth Moncravie, 72, carrying a big American flag. Albert Kelly acting as drum major led the parade and covered himself with glory with his antics."



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FORMER IRVING RESIDENTS WHO LIVED OVER A CENTURY

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Kelly	1873	Norvell	1873
James and Mary File		John and Emma Eddington	
Drew - 62 years -	1875	Hucker	1876
Julius and Elizabeth Morain		Wesley and Clara Brown	
Carriker - 70 years -	1877	Wells - 62 years -	1880
Edward and Elizabeth Stewart		Franklin and Elizabeth Schwing	
Lyerla	1880	King - 64 years -	1882
Preston and Emma Grantham		Frank and Mary Goodnight	
Williams	1882	Voils	1883
Charles and Elizabeth Lipe		Wilson and Dora Sanders	
Hefley	1884	Lyerla	1884
Ike and Lula Wright		Charles and Eva Wiley	
Welch	1885	Tobias	1887
Lawrence and Elizabeth McDavid		William and Sarah B. Wiley	
File	1886	Morain	1890
William and Anna Wiley		Amasa and Lena Rucker	
File - 70 years -	1890	King	1890
William and Dora Grantham		Thomas and Sophia Eddington	
Neisler	1890	Eddington	1890
Orland and Ida Chambers		Albert and Nellie McHugh	
Lingle	1890	White - 60 years -	1891
Luke and Kate Thacker		George and Effie Harris	
Fath - 60 years -	1891	Bryce	1892
Charles and Illinois Pope		Stephen and Cora Wiley	
Everett	1892	Brown	1892
Frank and Nancy Lawson		Frank and Grace Lingle	
Rhinehart	1893	Berry	1894
Henry and Mildred Gilmore		Frank and Esther Larkin	
Beckmier	1896	Singler	1896
Thomas and Lida Ross		Albert and Iva Gregory	
Daly	1898	Kelly	1898
Frank and Belle Grantham		Frank and Mary Carriker	
Hughes	1899	Lipe	1900
Jesse and Gertrude Sturgeon		Pearl and Laura Perkins	
Drew	1901	Carriker - 61 years -	1901
Charles and Flo Mock		Joseph and Minnie Groner	
Perkins	1904	Eddington	1904
Walter and Abigail Lyerla		Joseph and Cleo Williams	
Berry	1905	Tomamichel	1906
Fred and Belle Vandever		Charles and Mary Walker	
Lyerla	1906	Everley	1906
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Neisler	1910		

THE WILSON LYERLA FAMILY

Wilson Lyerla (1863-1942) and Dora Sanders (1864-1944) were born and reared in Irving Township. They were married in 1884, and lived all of their married life in Irving with the exception of two years spent in Alton. Wilson was a farmer most of his life, but later became the town constable for a number of years. They were the parents of eight children; Earl (deceased); Ruby, who died at birth; Una Strahan, Audrey-Mullens and Zella, all of Alton; Jesse (deceased); Ray of Irving; and June Ball of Las Cruces, New Mex. There are ten grandchildren, twenty-one great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild. Wilson has two sisters living; Millie Sturgeon of Cordell, Okla. who was 105 years old Dec. 29, 1962, and Annie Copoland of Geneva, Ill. who is 95 years.

THE CHARLES BAILEY FAMILY

Silas Bailey was born Nov. 8, 1839, died Mar. 21, 1894. He came to Illinois from West Virginia. He and Wilma Satterthwaite, from Brown County, Ind. were married Jan. 25, 1866. They reared eleven children: John, William, James, Fernando, Charles, Ira, Robert (Voris) Nora, Newton, Benjamin, and Alva. Charles was born Oct. 1, 1873, and died May 8, 1961. He and Carrie Musselman, (born Jan. 16, 1874, and died Dec. 22, 1943) were married at the home of her uncle, Alfred Rhinehart, of Irving on Oct. 1, 1895. To this union ten children were born: Nollie, William (Grant), Alfred, Wilma, Ivan, Juanita, Veda, Wanda, Charles, and Alva. Alfred was born Feb. 14, 1900. He and Erblean Geminden of Sedalia, Mo. were married Dec. 1, 1928. They are the parents of three children, Juanita, Robert, and Richard. In 1945 the family came to Irving, and in 1946 Alfred bought the Bailey home place. Charles, his father continued to live there until his death. The grandchildren are; Cindy and Pam Bailey, daughters of Robert Bailey; and Kent, Kurt, Kyle and Karis, sons of Cecil and Juanita (Bailey) Schmedeke.

THE JAMES McDOWELL FAMILY

James McDowell was born in Adair County, Kentucky, February 14, 1842, came to Illinois in 1860 and settled in Montgomery County. His parents, John and Lucinda Rippetoe McDowell were natives of Kentucky. He, a farmer, was born 1809 and died 1850. She, born 1811, died 1878. James, youngest of four sons received his education in Kentucky and became a teacher, later a house painter and in 1873 began a mercantile business in Irving. He was town clerk for twelve years. April 5, 1865 he married Sara Caroline Wubker and to this union was born 6 children, Walter, Helena Slagle, Edward, Logan, Clarence, and Charles. James McDowell died in 1919 and his wife in 1944.

Remember when there was a large lumber yard with a two story building about two blocks north of Meisler Feed and Grain office, the building housing the horsedrawn hearse and the latest in caskets priced at \$20.00 and \$30.00 service included?

Remember when the residents were often awakened at night by a group of harmonizers, among them being Will and Ed Haller, Clarence Wiley, Will Crouch, Floyd Weeks, and Jack Rebman?

THE GEORGE BRYCE FAMILY

James and Jennett Bryce had a son George born in Canada in 1861 later moving to Illinois in 1892, married Effie Harris and farmed east of Irving. They reared four children; Beulah Jewett, Camilla Singler, Edith Sturgeon, and Ralph, born in 1894 and still residing on the farm. He and Mildred Grantham were married in 1915. She was the daughter of John and Cora Grantham. They are the parents of two sons, Robert and George. Robert married Helen Jackson in 1937. They have a daughter, Penelope who married Lee Bales. Robert is living on the original Bryce farm and is employed by Eagle Picher Company in Hillsboro. George married Mary K. Hugener in 1942, and they have two sons Mark G. and Nathan Lee. George was appointed postmaster in Irving in 1955, and is still serving.

THE ROBERT CAULK FAMILY

John R. Caulk and Sarah Bell Caulk came from Kentucky on horseback in 1883 and settled in Rountree Township. They were parents of eleven children. When one son, Robert was six years old, the family moved to Irving Twnsp. Robert and Essie Hilt were married in 1905. They farmed until 1937, then moved to Irving where he was janitor of Irving School until his death in '41. They were blessed with thirteen children: Ivan, Kenneth, LeMar, Bradley, Charlotte Nelson and Zelma White of Irving; Lynn, Marsha Dalzotto and Virginia Fravala of Hillsboro; Ada Morehead Michigan; Wade of Pennsylvania; Ione Hines of East St. Louis; and a son Hilt, who died in 1930 at the age of eighteen. There are twenty-nine grandchildren and thirteen great-grandchildren.

THE WILLIAM S. BERRY, JR. FAMILY

William S. Berry, Jr. son of Madison and Mary J. Christian Berry - and Helena Gregory, daughter of David and Rebecca Cress Gregory were married in 1861. They were the parents of six children, three dying in infancy; Minne (deceased) wife of Edd Burton; Frank (deceased); and Walter who married Abigail Lyerla. The Burtons were parents of four children, all deceased except Earl who married Clela Lyerla and they have three children. Walter was a teacher, merchant and Postmaster of Irving for thirty-one years. The Berrys have a son, Reginald who is a civil engineer for the State of Illinois and is married to Helen Buck. The Berry family was among the first settlers, helping to establish the town of Irving. William was a merchant and Postmaster for many years.

THE ALBERT WHITE FAMILY

Mr. and Mrs. Albert White moved from McLean County to a farm north west of Irving, Ill. in 1900. They established a fruit farm, specializing in strawberries. In 1940 they purchased a home in town. He passed away there in 1951 and she died in '56. She was a daughter of Benjamin and Emily McHugh who were of the earlier families of Irv. Their children are Gertrude, Alberta, Raymond, Bessie, Ben, Bertha, Wilbur, Leslie, Marjory, Margarite (deceased), Wayne, and William. There are thirty seven grandchildren, eight deceased. One son William and four grandsons served during World War II, namely Theron Trimble, George Madge (killed in the line of duty), Ray White and Keith Warnsing. Ten were in service after World War II. Mr. and Mrs. Albert White had 115 descendants of whom 102 are living.

Remember when commuters taking the early morning train didn't have to start from home until they could hear the clank-clank of milk cans being loaded for Pevely in St. Louis?

THE THOMAS H. PADGETT FAMILY

Thomas Henry Padgett (1840-1910) was born in Palmyra, Ill. He was a Civil War Veteran. Priscilla Talley Allmond (1848-1915) was born in Willmington, Del. They were married in 1867 at Palmyra, Ill. where three of their eleven children were born, before the family moved to Irving on a farm, then to town, where Mr. Padgett ran a Drug Store for many years. The children were; Anna, Reuben, William, Elizabeth, Charles, Thomas, George F., Earl, Priscilla, Grace, and Powell. The oldest son William, was Railway Station Agent for fifty years. Most of the boys were railroad men, and grew to manhood in Irving. Frank, Grace, and Powell are the only living members of their family.

THE BENJAMIN McHUGH FAMILY

Benjamin McHugh, merchant, school-teacher and farmer and his wife Emily moved to a farm near Irving in 1876. In 1878 they traded this farm and moved to East Fork where they managed a store and post-office for two years. In 1880 they returned to Irving and conducted a general merchandise store for one and a half years. Later they purchased a farm west of Irving, where they resided until his death, which occurred on May 7, 1900. He was killed by lightning while at his barn milking. He was 67 years old. They had ten children, five surviving him, namely Frank and Charlie McHugh, Mrs. Nellie White of Irving; Lewis of St. Louis and Mrs. Annie Pierce of Colorado, all now deceased. His wife moved to Irving and died January 1931.

THE BARNETT FAMILY

Samuel F. Barnett (1874-1947) was the son of Newton M. and Charlotte Hawks Barnett. He came to Irving at the age of two years. Ella L. Bandy (1878-1947) was the daughter of Luther and Theodosia Vandever Bandy. Samuel and Ella were married January 1, 1892. They became the parents of seven children; Clinton, who married Bessie Ward (deceased), later married Beatrice Masoner; Dwight, who married Maude Eagleburger; Hester wife of O. P. Miller; John, who married Helen Bussell; Charlotte, wife of Earl Morehead (deceased) later the wife of Lee Mooney; Alvin, who married Myrtle Ludwig Price; and Homer, who married Esther Westerman, later married Ruth Dunn. There are fifteen living grand-children, and two deceased, also thirty-five great-grandchildren. Samuel was a paper hanger and painter.

THE HAMMOND FAMILY

Logan Rodney (1882-1955) one of fourteen born to Curtis and Margaret (Hefley) Hammond on a farm north of Irving. Operated a meat-market and grocery in the Cockelrears building for over forty years. Retired (1945) because of ill health. Married Nelle Esther, daughter of Thomas and Abilene (Saylor) Grantham. Three children were born, Dr. Harold Hammond and Mrs. Harry (Joyce) Funk of Hillsboro, Mrs. Alan (Georgia) Hodgkinson of Irv. Six grandchildren are Miss Carol Hammond, Dr. Larry Hammond of Chicago, Miss Martha Hammond of Hillsboro, Mrs. Henry (Joyce Hodgkinson) Barry of Portsmouth, New Hampshire, Mrs. Leonard (Margaret Hodgkinson) Lesho of Stirling, New Jersey, Mrs. Charles (Marilyn Funk) Dammann of San Diego, California. Three great-grandchildren are Connie Hammond, Mark Barry, and John Lesho. The Hammonds are members of the Methodist church.

Remember when there were two of each of the following businesses in Irving at the same time--elevators, lumber yards, blacksmiths, millinery stores, general stores, butcher shops, doctors, restaurants, hardware stores, livery stables, and five grocery stores?

THE REV. W. J. McDAVID FAMILY

Rev. W.J. McDavid, son of John and Jane Knight McDavid and brother of Alben, John T., Joel, Augustus, Logan and half-brother of Frank, lived most of his life in Irving Township. He married Barcie Foster and they had 8 children, Anna, Jesse, Inez, Eva Rhodes, Linda Meriwether, Russell, Foster, and Joel. Anna, the oldest married Robert L. Kelly. They were the parents of Mildred, wife of Everett Brown (deceased); Foster who married Edna Fowler; and Arthur, who married Juanita Gaines; and they were grandparents of Virginia Kerpan, Eleanor Brown, Robert Kelly, Carolyn Walsh, Kathryn Jones and Richard Kelly. There are ten great-grandchildren and one deceased. W.J. McDavid was Pastor of the Presbyterian Church and served two terms as County Superintendent of Schools



THE WILLIAM H. HALLER FAMILY

Wm. H. Haller, son of Edmond and Elizabeth Newberry Haller and Florence I. Ludewick, daughter of Martin A. and Emily Ann Lingofelter Ludewick were married September 13, 1896 by Rev. Wm. J. McDavid, pastor of the Presbyterian Church. They became the parents of Ilah, Roy and Floe (deceased). There are three grandchildren, Ivan L. Fesser, Roy W. and Gary F. Haller; seven great-grandchildren, Jeffrey John, Jon Scott, Elise Marie, children of Roy W. and Mary Haller; Christie Lynn, Georgia Lynn, daughters of Gary and Christine Haller; Brenda Kay and Michael Ivan, children of Ivan L. and Gail Fesser. William Haller carried mail thirty-one years, retiring in 1937. He and his wife celebrated their golden wedding in 1946. Mr. Haller died, 1953 and Mrs. Haller, 1960.



THE CORWIN KING FAMILY

James Mark, son of John and Polly Ann King, was born in 1853 on a farm near Irving. He and Nancy Belle Rhodes were married and they were blessed with six children, Lyman who died in infancy, Lottie, William, Orville, Chester, and Corwin. Lottie married Martin Warnsing in 1902. They had two sons, one dying at birth and Wayne who lives at Nokomis. Wayne and Helen Bower were married and they have two children. Mr. and Mrs. Martin Warnsing both died in 1963. William (deceased) married Bertha Loucks; Orville (deceased) married Estella Bowels; Chester married Hazel Hood, and they have two sons, Lyman and Bennie; and Corwin married Pauline Crouch and they have one daughter, Patsy Ann Sallee. There is one grandchild, Polly Sue Sallee.



THE EPHRAIM LIPE FAMILY

Ephraim Lipe (1870-1927), son of John Simeon and Catherine Weller Lipe, was one of nine children: two dying in infancy, and the others being Lizzie Hefley, Albert, John, Frank, Herbert, and Emma Thumb. Ephraim and Cora Cook were married, 1891. They became the parents of four children; Earl, who died in infancy; Eva, wife of Joe Busby of Detroit, Mich.; Lucille, wife of Frank Sowarsh of Irving, Illinois; and Mildred, wife of Gerald McElroy of Wickenburg, Ariz. The Busbys' have two children: LeMar, who married Mary Alice McConnell and they have a son Wayne; and Shirley, wife of Fred Wood and they have a daughter, Laurie. The Sowarshes' have four children: Robert, Wilma, wife of Eugene Spindle and they have two sons Edward and Richard; Myron who married Wanda Schneider and they have two sons Dennis and Rodney; and Betty, wife of Marvin Schrempp and they have a daughter Sharon. The McElroys' have two children; Larry, who married Mary Anna Luck and they have three sons Kevin, and twins Keith and Kelly, and Lynda, wife of James Pavilk and they have a daughter Claire. Larry lives on and farms the Ephraim Lipe home place.



THE SINGLER FAMILY

Victor (1844-1889) was born in Damianville, Ill. and Rosa Kuhner Singler (1850-1937) was born in Germany, settled in New Baden, moving to the Irving community in 1883. They were the parents of ten children John, Emma, Frank, Joseph, Ross, Fred, Mary, Melena, Victor and Henry. Mrs. Mary Huber residing in Hillsboro and Henry, an orthodontist, practicing in Springfield are the only two surviving children. Fred Singler (1875-1936) with his parents, moved 2 miles east of Irving when he was eight years old. He was united in marriage with Cecelia Klein. They lived on the home place where two children were born, Evelyn, wife of Martin Bock and Troy Singler. Fred's death was due to sunstroke. Troy and his mother lived on the farm until 1945 when she moved to Nokomis. Troy and Louise Wolf were united in marriage April 18, 1945, living on the Singler farm. Their family consists of Martha, Ronald and Randel. They are members of St. Barbara's Church in Witt and Troy is a member of the Confraternity Board, Moose Lodge, Town Auditor, and Township Committeeman for A.S.C.



THE FRANK BERRY FAMILY

Frank M. Berry (1862-1951) and Grace Lingle Berry (1871-1955) came to a farm in the E. part of Irving Township in 1901, retired and moved to Irving in '41. Three children were born, Corinne (Budina), Verda (Hefer) and Kenneth who farms on the home place where he was born in 1904. In '36, he and Linda Weerts were united in marriage. They are parents of twin daughters, Dolores Kay, a graduate of Eastern Illinois University and wife of John Hill of Jacksonville, Ill.; and Doris Jean, a graduate of Barnes Hospital School of Nursing in St. Louis, Mo. and wife of Dr. James Swenson of Gillette, Wyoming. The Swensons have three children, Kelly Kay, Jamie Jean and Eric Jon. Mr. and Mrs. Berry are members of the Methodist Church and Eastern Star and Masonic Lodges.



THE JOHN GRANTHAM FAMILY

John Grantham (1861-1937) son of William and Mary (Patterson) Grantham was born in Irving. The Granthams were among the first settlers coming from Grantham, England. He and Cora Austin, the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Austin, pastor of the Methodist Church, were married in 1889. He was a millwright and carpenter by trade and played in the Irving band. The Granthams were faithful members of the Methodist Church. They were the parents of Bertha Wright of Peoria, Mildred Bryce, and Edith of Irving, and Austin (deceased). The grandchildren are: Rev. Harlan Wright, Earl and Paul Wright, Robert and George Bryce. The great-grandchildren are Steven and Martha Wright, Dale, Dean, Karen, Randy, Mark, Lynn, and Gill Wright, Penny Bales, and Greg and Nathan Bryce.



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MR. AND MRS. FORREST P. WILLIAMS

THE KING FAMILY

Franklin P., son of John Wesley and Julia (Dryer) King was born Jan. 14, 1857. His grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew King with nine children came to the Irving vicinity from Lincoln County, Tenn. in 1830. They had previously lived near Chapel Hill, Orange County, North Carolina, where John Wesley was born. He attended the Hillsboro Academy, and became an early school teacher. Andrew donated the land for the King Cemetery. Franklin P. and Sophia Schwing were married April 4, 1882, and lived on a farm north of Irving. They became the parents of four children; Mary, Oscar, Walter, and Etta. Mary, wife of H. S. Lipe, died July 7, 1941, aged 58. The sons both became farmers, and worked with their father until they married, and acquired homes of their own. The father continued working on his farm, and raising cattle until he became quite old. His wife died at the age of 89, and he died three years later, April 15, 1949, at the age of 92. He had lived his entire life on the farm where he was born. The daughter Etta, a retired school teacher, is now the only living member of the immediate family. The son Walter and Chlo Wright were married July 5, 1911, and they became the parents of 5 children: Helen, widow of Clarence Lawson, living in Hillsboro with her son, Jim; Harold (deceased); Robert and Donald, farmers in the Irving community; and Floyd, a High School teacher living in Princeton, Ill. Robert and Goldia Reynolds were married and they have four children; Donna (King) Morgan, Loretta, Linda, and Dale. Floyd married Rose Homann, and they are the parents of Carol, Bruce, Jeffrey, and William. Donald married Maxine Simmons of Hillsboro, Walter lost his life in a tractor accident Sept. 12, 1960. His first wife, Chlo died suddenly July 24, 1951, his second marriage was to Alta Abernathy May 16, 1954. She survives with his children and grandchildren. Oscar and Lola Meacham were married April 7, 1912, and they had 1 son, Kenneth. He married Joyce Campbell of Hillsboro, where they made their home, he being employed as a water meter reader, and by Hucker Radio and TV service. Building houses was a hobby for spare time activity. He died suddenly after a heart attack, Aug. 18, '59 aged 43, leaving his wife and daughter Thelma Christy of Decatur, Ill. She is now the mother of three children; Brenda, and twins Kenneth and Karen. Oscar later married Carrie McCaslin April 15, 1951, and in '53 they left the farm and moved to Irving. He became ill, and died Jan. 15, 1962 aged 76. His wife, grandchildren and great-grandchildren survive. Several of the King families are members of Lutheran Churches in different localities.



THE PERKINS FAMILY

John Samuel and Caroline (DeFry) Perkins settled in the Irving community in the 1870's, having emigrated earlier from North Carolina to Alton, Illinois. Only thirty-eight, Caroline died of a snake-bite in 1885, and within the year Samuel died with pneumonia. Left orphaned were: Scott, Nettie, Mattie, Laura, Charles, Frank and Arthur. All attained maturity and married. Charles Monroe married Edna Flo Mock, daughter of Frank and Datherine (Heustis) Mock, and granddaughter of Hiram and Mary Heustis. Born to them were: Nolan Keith, Connecticut, who married Edna Squires; Mary Kay, Arizona, wife of Fred Vard; Charles Merwin, Missouri, married to Kathryn Seuss; and Ross DeFry, who married Freda Johnson of Nokomis and live in Irving, where Ross is rural mail-carrier.

THE CLARENCE F. DOERR FAMILY

Clarence Frederick Doerr who farms 3 miles northeast of Irving, is a native of this community. He was born, Jan. 22, 1905 to H. Peter and Elizabeth Doerr. Philipp Doerr (1825-1901) son of Hanyor Doerr and wife Katharina (1830-1904), daughter of Charles Pfriffer (burgomaster of their native Sonnenberg, in Brandenburg, Germany, lived in Wiesbaden, Hesse-Nassau, Germany for fourteen years after their marriage in 1853. During this time Philipp served six years of military service against Denmark under the Duke of Nassau, who later became the Grand Duke of Luxembourg. They were the parents of 9 children, six of whom, Charles, Philippine, Philipp, William, Mollie and Carrie came to the U.S. in 1867. Members of the German Evangelical Church, they settled on a farm in Raymond Township near Harvel where Christian and H. Peter were born. In 1877 they moved to a farm in Rountree Township near Witt.

H. Peter Doerr (1868-1946) and Elizabeth Smith (1874-1941) were married March 8, 1894, at Harvel. They lived in Rountree Township for ten years where Roy H. was born and passed away in 1904. They then purchased the farm in Irving where Clarence and Gladys were born. Clarence was confirmed in the Irving Lutheran Church. He attended the Platt School and graduated from Witt High School in 1924. He went to Kenosha, Wisc. in 1925 to work at the American Brass Company.

On December 28, 1926 he married Clara J. Mitchell, daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth Settle Mitchell of Witt, at the Lutheran Parsonage in Hillsboro. Rev. Ezra Keller officiated. They made their home in Kenosha for a short time, returning to Irving where Clarence started farming in partnership with his father. Mr. and Mrs. H. Peter Doerr retired from farming in 1940 and moved to Witt. They were members of the Irving Lutheran Church. They both passed away in Witt.

Clarence and Clara who farm the home place have one daughter, Carollee J. Born on Easter Sunday, April 21, 1935. Clarence served as substitute rural mail carrier for fifteen years, was a member of Platt School Board and served as secretary of Irving Consolidated School Board. Mr. and Mrs. Doerr are members of the Witt Methodist Church where Mr. Doerr has served fourteen years as Church School Superintendent. He has been Democratic Supervisor of Irving Township since 1953 and Past County Board Chairman. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the Security National Bank of Witt, treasurer of M.J.M. Electric Co-op. Association of Carlinville, director on the State Board of the Illinois Electric Co-op. Association, Springfield, Past Master of Irving Lodge A.F. and A.M. No. 455, member of Eastern Star No. 771, and member of Springfield Consistory and Ansar Shrine.

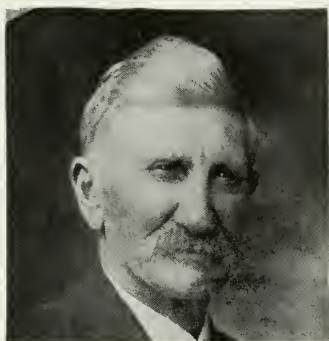
Carollee attended Platt and Witt Schools and graduated from Irving Grade School and Hillsboro High Schools. She attended MacMurray College, Jacksonville for three years holding membership in Theta Sigma Society. She was married to Albert M. Kinsey of Flora on May 19, 1956 in Centenary Methodist Church, Jacksonville, officiant being Rev. John W. Collins. Mr. Kinsey received his B. S. Degree in Civil Engineering and B.A. in Science in 1958, graduating Phi Beta Kappa-Tau Beta Pi, and his M.S. in sanitary engineering from Illinois Institute of Technology, Chicago. He is a professional engineer with the West Addison Dev. Corp., Addison, where they make their home. They have three daughters, Kristine Elizabeth age six, Kathryn Suzanne age four, and Karyl Lyn age two. They are members of Good Samaritan Methodist Church, Addison, where Carollee is Junior Choir Director and president of W.S.C.S. Mr. Kinsey is church treasurer.



THE BROOKMAN FAMILY

E.O. "Orve" Brookman was born, 1853 in Baltimore, Md. and died in 1929. He lived in Irving and Butler communities except two years as Superintendent of Mont. Co. Farm. He conducted a general store ten years - in a bldg. next to the town pump, ran a huckster wagon drawn by white and sorrell ponies for a number of years and the remainder of his life was spent in farming. He married Jennie Rhinehart, Schoolteacher in 1880 and she died in 1929. There were five children: two sons died in infancy; Blanche, wife of R. J. Beals, both deceased, mother of Lois, wife of Elmer Baumberger, Granite City; James (Jim) deceased, Lincoln Park, Mich; Hugh, Grosse Ile, Mich.; Katie, wife of P.R. Baker, foster mother of Joe Lyng Baker, Alameda, Calif., in Civil Air Defense and Viola Fogle, wife of Otis Burke, Affton, Mo.; LaRue, wife of C.G. Hugener, Nokomis, mother of Mary K. "Toots" Bryce, wife of George Bryce, Irving; Blanche, wife of William Nash, Nokomis; Roberta, wife of Carl Niehaus, Butler; Paul (deceased); and Chris, Jr., Paxton, Illinois, associated with Magnavox, Champaign, Ill.; E.O. Brookman lived by the Golden Rule and died believing everyone as honest as himself.

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THE
PRESTON H.
WILLIAMS
FAMILY



Preston H. Williams and Emily Grantham were both born in Irving Township and lived in that community their entire lives. They were married March 29, 1882, and to this union four children were born; Cleo, Forest, Esther and Homer. Cleo married Joseph W. Tomamichel, and they were blessed with six children; the first being twins one of which died at birth. Those living are Mildred, Rollan, Joseph, Everett and Estel. Cleo passed away October 20, 1962. Forest married Laura Jane Vincent and they had no children but reared Esther's son, Homer Glenn Wells. Esther married Glenn E. Wells and she passed away in 1920 leaving the son at the age of three years. Homer Williams married Helen G. Fowler of Irving and to this union three boys were born; the first dying at birth. Those living are John Knight Williams of Atlanta, Georgia and Dr. Richard Fowler Williams of Western Springs, Illinois. Emma and Pres as they were fondly called, celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary in 1932. Mrs. Williams passed away in 1936 and Mr. Williams in 1938. They are buried in the Irving Cemetery.



THE REBMAN FAMILY

Francis Augustus Rebman (1855-1925) son of John and Margaret Hefley Rebman was born in Irving. He spent his entire life here as a carpenter and cabinet maker. On December 24, 1874, he and Clara Adaline Reilly (1859- 1960) were married. To this union 6 children were born: Oliver; Frank who married Alzie Roach; Pearl, wife of Herbert Weller of Hillsboro; Mae, wife of William A. Coffey; Homer who married Mary E. Kruzan; Elva, wife of W. Jean Granthem of Redondo Beach, Calif. Elva and Pearl are the only living children. There are seventeen living grandchildren forty-eight great-grandchildren, sixty-two great-great-grandchildren - There are one hundred twenty-nine living descendants of Augustus and Clara Rebman.



THE TOMAMICHEL FAMILY

Basillio Tomamichel came from Switzerland at the age of 17 in 1862. He married Emma Bostick in 1875 and three sons were born: Jay who died in infancy, Joseph and Basillio (Zillie). Emma died in 1911 and Basillio in 1933. Zillie and Ilene Walcher were married in 1934. He died in 1939 and his wife in 1962. Joseph married Cleo Williams in 1906 and 6 children were born: Twins, Mary Edna who died at birth; Mildred Emma, wife of Ralph Clark of Rock Island; Rollan who married Esther Peterson lives in Belvidere; Joseph married Wilma Snow, lives in Irving; Everett married Grace Eddington, lives in Belvidere; Estel, wife of John Blair lives in Crete. Grandchildren are Kay Tomamichel, Karen and Gary Tomamichel and Judy Blair, Earl, Donald, Charles and Bonnie Blair.



THE J. J. CARRICKER FAMILY.

J.J. Carricker, grandson of Henry and Elizabeth Carricker and son of John and Mary (Litucor) Carricker, left Cabaris County, North Carolina in 1844 by covered wagon to settle in north Montgomery Co. J.J. Carricker (1854-1951) and Margaret Morain (1857-1947) eventually resided on old home place and owned a sawmill. A family of five: Pearl (1878-1963) married in 1901 to Laura Perkins (1874-1962); Eurice (1885-1886); Stella (1880-1894); Susie Drew F.B. (1886-1955); Ferne Bailey V.R. By 1905 he had designed, sawed all lumber, except finished lumber, and built a 10 room house in No. Irving. John Schraudt plasterer. He continued heating plumbing, carpentry, and in 1911 he built the Lutheran Church. Grand children: Clifford Drew, and Eloyious and James Bailey. Great-grandchildren: Nancy Kinder and Jimmie Bailey.



THE GEORGE NEISLER FAMILY

George A. Neisler (1885-1951) son of Daniel and Ora Knodle Neisler was born in Witt township. He was the fifth son of a family of eight boys. He was educated in the public schools of Montgomery County. On Sept. 12, 1905, he was united in marriage to Estella H. Lemay, daughter of Noah and Anna Rowe Lemay who were natives of Circleville, Ohio. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Neisler was blessed with two children; Mildred, wife of Mat Wembling; and Drexel, who married Romelta Beckmier. The Wemblings live on a farm in East Fork Township owned by Mrs. Neisler and she resides with them. The Neislars have 3 children; Juanita, wife of James Cassidy, and they have a son Bradley. They live in Witt. Barbara, wife of Bradley Caulk, and they have two daughters Cathy and Carol Jo all of Irving, and Myron (deceased) who was married to Sonna Matthews and the parents of two children Becky and Drexel. In his forty-six years of married life George acquired - 600 acres of land in Fillmore and East Fork townships. Drexel now owns the home place and Neisler Feed and Grain.

ORA AND RUTH ZUMWALT

Ruth Toberman, daughter of Susan Wright Toberman, moved to Irving in 1907. She was a telephone operator from September 1920 to January 1940, when the dial system came into effect. Henry Wright, brother of Mrs. Toberman lived with them many years. In October, 1942 Miss Toberman moved to Woodriver and was employed at Olin Mathieson Plant. She and Ora Zumwalt were married in May 1949. They moved to Irving, December 1958. They are active members of Moncravie Post of American Legion and Unit of the Auxiliary.



THE BAKER FAMILY

Mr. and Mrs. P. R. Baker
Golden Wedding
Sept. 30. 1959



Calvin and Adeline Cass Baker with their three year old son, Henry S. moved from Zanesville Township in 1851 to a farm east of Irving, where twelve more children were born. Henry S. Baker married Amy Davis Remick in 1885 and they lived on the farm until 1902. They moved to Irving but moved back to the farm in 1918, remaining there until their deaths. Henry S. Baker died in 1927 and his wife in 1929. Their only son, Pearl R. married Elinore Katherine Brookman in 1909. She was a daughter of E. O. and Jennie Rhinehart Brookman. They are still living on the Baker farm where Pearl was born in 1888. They

have two foster children: Joe Lyng Baker, who is employed at the Naval - Air Station in Alameda, California; and Viola Fogle Burke, wife of Otis S. Burke of Affton, Missouri.



THE JAMES MILTON KELLY FAMILY JAMES MILTON KELLY . . .

James Milton Kelly, son of James and Henrietta Kelly was born in 1834 in Irving Township. He farmed and raised Holstein cattle. In 1856, he married Rebecca Harkey and to this union were born eight children, Laura, Flora McDavid, Ben, Louise Whitten, Dorcas Snell, John, Nellie Atwood, and Hattie Bryan, All now deceased. Later he married Lou Mayes and they had four daughters, Edith Skaller and Faye Brandt of North Hollywood, California and Ethel Hunsaker and Edna Spikre, both deceased. Grandchildren were Cleo, Esther, and Charlie McDavid; Maude, Kelly, Nell, Helen, and George Whitten; Donald Bryan; Vera, Grace, Mildred, Gladys and Marian Snell; R. Vaughn Kelly and Hazel Kelly Gardels; Ogden and Woodie Lou Hunsaker; Arthur and Robert Quisenberry; and Betty Lee Spikre. Of the twenty-one grandchildren, five are deceased.





DR. W. V.
and
ANNA
PARKHILL



The Parkhill family sends greetings to all our friends in Irving and Montgomery County. Our father, W. V. Parkhill was an early physician in the Witt, Irving and Hillsboro areas for over fifty years from about 1878. Our mother, Anna Lewey Parkhill was a daughter of Isaac and Elizabeth Lewey. He was a Union Civil War Veteran, who homesteaded a farm near Irving after the War.

Mrs. Grace McLean, Cedar Rapids, Iowa
Dr. Roy C. Parkhill, Evanston, Ill.
Dr. Homer L. Parkhill, Pontiac, Ill.
Harold V. Parkhill, Evanston, Ill.

THE WESLEY W. WELLS FAMILY

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley W. Wells
60th Wedding Anniversary



Wesley W. Wells (1855-1942) and Clara Brown (1856-1955) were married March 23, 1880. They came from Nokomis in 1906 and settled on a farm one mile south of Irving where they lived until retirement. They moved to Witt in 1939 where Mr. Wells died three years later. After a few years, Mrs. Wells came back to Irving and lived at the home of her son and at Rest Haven until the time of her death, December 23, 1955. She lived to be ninety-nine years, eight months of age. They were the parents of one son, Glenn E. Wells; one grandson, Homer Glenn Wells; one great-granddaughter, Patricia Wells McMurray; and one great-great-grandson, Michael McMurray.

THE MONCRAVIE FAMILY

Among the early settlers of Irving were John W. Moncravie (1842--1914) and his wife Elizabeth Hall Moncravie (1847-1948). They were married in 1870 at Hillsboro and became active in the affairs of this community. Their five children were born and reared here, two of whom, James and Shirley, lost their lives in France during World War I. Mrs. Moncravie's family had an unusual military history, her husband was a Civil War Veteran, and her ancestors served in all the early American Wars. There were two granddaughters, the late Miss Nina Baker who recently retired after thirty-five years service with the Chicago Motor Club to make her home here, and Mrs. Susan Moncravie Short, also deceased. Surviving are three great-grandchildren, eight great-great-grandchildren, and one great-great-great grandchild.

THE VOILS-JURGENA FAMILY

Mary E. Goodnight, daughter of William and Barbary (Isahour) Goodnight was married to Frank B. Voils, son of James J. and Esther Delilah (Earnhart) Voils, on Jan. 19, 1883 at the home of Rev. Cromer near Irving. Both were natives of North Carolina. They were the parents of five children. The youngest daughter, Ila was married to Wilbur Jurgena, second son of Heie and Elizabeth (Guile) Jurgena on April 21, 1926. One child, a son Harold, was born Nov. 9, 1928. He and Shirley Graham of Winchester were married Jan. 1, 1950. To them two children were born, William David and Carol Anne. Harold resides in Irving and is employed as Superintendent of Maintenance at Hillsboro Glass Company, and is present Mayor of Irving. The Jurgena children attend Irving Grade School.

THE FRANK RHINEHART FAMILY

In 1869 Frank Rhinehart came to Irving from Pennsylvania at the age of six. His parents, John and Rebecca Rhinehart built a home on a farm one mile east of Irving. In 1893 he married Nancy Lawson of Coffeen and they had 6 children, Nellie Cramer, John Rhinehart, Katie Skinner, Nelson (deceased), Ruth Conner, and Alice Schoeneweis. Mr. Rhinehart was in the implement business and also owned and operated saw mills, threshing machines, and hay presses. The family lived in Irving with the exception of seven or 8 years when they lived in Granite City and St. Louis where Mr. Rhinehart did carpenter work. After farming most of his life he and his family moved to town in the middle 1920s. Mr. Rhinehart died '47 at the age of eighty-three and his wife in 1958 at the age of ninety-one. They had thirteen grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

THE HARVEY KELLY FAMILY

Harvey, son of James and Henriette Berry Kelly, was born in Irving in 1838. His father and grandfather Noah, a Methodist minister, staked a government claim and built a cabin on the present Irv. Cemetery site. His brothers and sisters were John, Adeline Wiley, Emelie Wiley, Benson, Milton, Ambrose, George, and Doctor Kelly and Kansie Berry. Harvey married two sisters and a cousin, all Granthams. He was the father of Idella McKinney, Mary Neisler, Leann, James, Robert and Albert Kelly and Selma Eddington. He had sixteen grandchildren, twenty-two great-grandchildren, and several great-great-grandchildren. Noah Kelly's living Irving descendants are the families of Foster Kelly, Mildred Brown, Walter Satterlee, Mary Lipe, Selma Eddington, Cecil Wiley, Ina Botkin, Ray Lyerla and Harvey Neisler.

THE EUGENE P. CARRIKER FAMILY

Eugene P. Carriker (1860-1954) son of Hilliard and Margaret Hefley Carriker and Laura Vandever (1862-1911) daughter of Dr. Aaron S. and Isabelle Slater Vandever were married and became parents of 8 children; Ray who married Lucy Meeks and later married Lulu Thorp; Vera, widow of Ralph Winn; Charlie who married Viola Wilson; Ethel who married Homer O. Green; Carl who married Ruby Lyerla; Howard; Hugh who married Lena Marie Knoll; and Olin who died in infancy. There are nine grandchildren and a number of great-grandchildren. Eugene P. Carriker's 2nd marriage was to Clara Vandever (1882-1959), daughter of William Cyrus and Sarah Eleanor Grantham Vandever. He owned and operated his barber shop in Irving for fifty-eight years. Surviving members of the family are Vera Winn and Charlie Carriker.

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#### THE LAWRENCE A. FILE FAMILY . . . . .

Lawrence A. File (1861-1956) son of George and Susannah Cress File was born on a farm near Irving. He attended Sunnyside School. In 1886 he and Elizabeth McDavid (1862-1946) were married and located on a farm east of Irving. They moved to Irving in 1888 and lived the rest of their married life of nearly sixty years. Mr. File entered the Hardware business with F.R. Fowler and later, Forrest Lingle joined the firm. Mr. File was in business around thirty years. After selling his interest in the store, he devoted his time to raising fruit and garden. He and his wife were active members of the Presbyterian Church and this was a vital part of their lives. They were parents of three children, Viola - File Loucks, Clinton McDavid File and Evelyn File Emmons. There are four grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

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THE FOWLER FAMILY

Frank Fowler, son of John and Mary C. Osborn Fowler, was born in Litchfield, 1866. After his father's death, he and his mother came to Irving, 1877. In 1879 his mother married Thompson Williams and lived on a farm south of Irving until Mr. Williams died, 1894, when she came to live with her son. Frank Fowler taught school and homesteaded in Kansas before going into business with L. A. File, 1893. He married Ce Dora Belle Parkhill, 1896. The family includes Edna Kelly, Helen Williams, Onalee Peters (deceased), and Ray who married Lois Klar. Grandchildren are Robert Kelly, Carolyn Kelly Walsh, John K. Williams, Dr. Richard Williams, James Peters and Don Fowler. There are six grandchildren. Frank Fowler died, 1935, having been in the hardware-business forty-two years. Mrs. Fowler died, 1957.

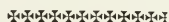
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#### THE RUCKER FAMILY . . . . .

Frank Rucker (1832-1912) and Caroline Gericke (1840-1924) were born in Bruchsal Baden, Germany. He came to New York in 1852 and she with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. Joseph Gericke came to St. Louis in 1850. They settled in Marine, Madison County, where he practiced until his death. Frank and Caroline were married, 1866, residing in Marine until 1868, when they moved to Raymond Township, living there 8 years, moving to Irving Township, 1875. In 1902 they moved to Irving, building a concrete house across the road from the former Henry Baker residence. They were parents of 5 children, Martin, Magdalena, Emma, Mary, and John. There are eight grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren. Mary Padgett is the last of her immediate family.

#### THE VANDEVER FAMILY . . . . .

William Cyrus Vandever (1851 - 1918), son of Dr. Aaron S. and Isabelle Slater Vandever: married Sarah Eleanor Grantham (1853 - 1937), daughter of Isaiah and Margaret Mann Grantham. They were the parents of five sons and five daughters: Miss Lottie, a school teacher for forty one years, most of the time in the primary room in the Irving School; William A. married Mary Catherine-Delmore; Isabelle, wife of Fred Lyerla; Charles married Luella J. Marshall; Clara, wife of Eugene Carriker; Elva, wife of Rev. L. Hadaway; Voris married May Harris; Gary married Allene Vawter; Vern married Maude Handley; Leda, wife of Howard Davis. William A. established a dry goods store in Tulsa, Okla. in 1904. Later his four brothers became his partners. The brothers are all deceased. William G., son of Gary is President of the Vandever Company and the Vandever shopping center. Surviving members of the family are Elva Hadaway and Leda Davis. There are fourteen grandchildren and thirty-seven great-grandchildren.



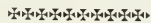
#### THE RICHARD LYERLA FAMILY . . . . .

Richard Lyerla (1852-1925) son of Solomon and Delilah Williams Lyerla, and Serrena Lyerla (1857-1936) were married July 11, 1877. They lived on a farm three miles southeast of Irving. Because of ill health, they moved to Irving in 1924 where they were residing at the time of their deaths. They were the parents of: Fred R, who married Belle Vandever (deceased); Abigail, wife of Walter V. Berry; Wood I. married Besse Browning; Kathryn, wife of William J. Smith; Ava, wife of Glenn E. Wells; and Clede, wife of Earl S. Burton. The grandchildren are: Doris Lyerla (deceased), Reginald Berry, James R. Lyerla, Serena Smith Garton (deceased), Jane Smith Stone, Nancy Burton Harkey, Richard Burton and William Burton. There are fourteen great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.



#### THE W. H. FILE FAMILY . . . . .

William H. File (1863-1961) and Anna Wiley (1867-1962) were married 1890, living their entire lives in Irving. They observed their 70th wedding anniversary in 1960. Mr. File taught school a few years, operated a general store, then purchased a half interest in a grain elevator in 1900. This included a retail coal trade, steam threshing outfit, sawmill, and a horse drawn dray. This dray delivered coal, met trains, and delivered produce to the merchants. While he operated this business he had three different partners, William Wiley, Pearl Carriker, and Irvin Gregory. In the last years of his business life he bought cream and poultry. Mr. and Mrs. File were active in the Lutheran Church. They were parents of three children, Ina Botkin, Chester and Ivan File.



#### THE JOSEPH EDDINGTON FAMILY . . . . .

Joseph Eddington II was born in Bunker Hill, Illinois on August 28, 1847, and lived there until he was eighteen years of age. He and his younger brother Richard, came to Irving Township and batched until June 12, 1871, when Joseph married Harriet Tucker. They later moved to Witt where they reared four children, Harry, Jesse, Otis and Joseph III. Joseph III and Minnie Groner were married on February 23, 1904 and moved to a farm one mile west of his father's home. In 1944 they moved to Irving. Mr. Eddington passed away in 1958. They had three children: Lynn, who lives on and farms the home place; Homer, who farms west of Irving; and Lois Eddington Hadley, who lives in Witt. There are eight grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

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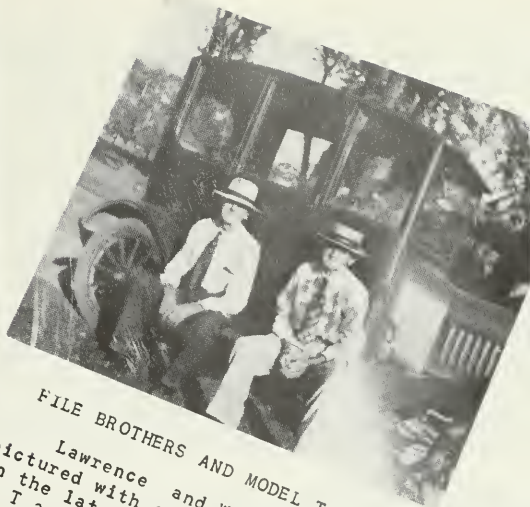
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INSIDE FOWLER HARDWARE STORE

Frank Fowler and his employee, Frank Drew who worked in the store for many years. The picture was taken around 1911.

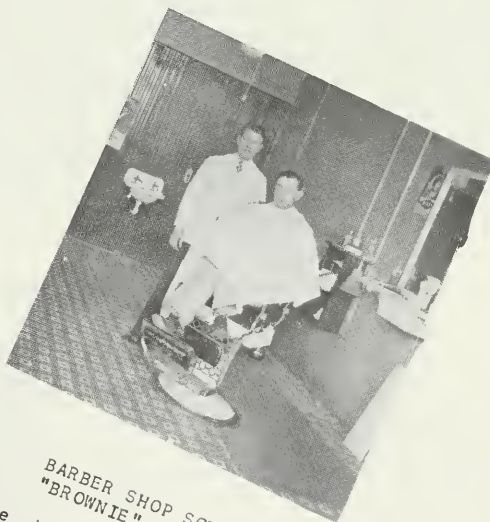


FILE BROTHERS AND MODEL T FORD

Lawrence and William File are pictured with one of their Model Ts in the late 1920s. Each owned a Model T and drove for many years.



BABY AND CARRIAGE OF YESTERYEAR



BARBER SHOP SCENE  
"BROWNIE" AND BILL

The Walter Brown Barber shop with Bill Holmes in the chair about 1935. Other barbers through the years included Jean Grantham, E.P. Carriker, Charles Carriker, Tom Price, John Foster, and the present barber, Everett Spindel.

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Front row: George Grantham, James Grantham, George Denhem, Joseph Newberry, Milton Romine.

Back row: Clark Huestis, Daniel Grantham, John Grantham, William Grantham, Sam Cottrell.



## IRVING BAND - about 1911

A page from Irving's past, when band concerts were weekly occurrences is revealed. The picture fails to show the band platform which stood on Main Street. The concerts were a part of the social life of the village and were well attended.

A band which was organized - in 1904, practiced weekly in the Huestis building and later in the work shop, Augustus Rebman. Among the--- leaders were Oliver Lipe, A. Dick Mowrey and Jean Grantham.

P.R. Baker is the only member- of the 1911 band still living in the Irving community.

Pictured left to right, front row: Howard Stewart, Owen Mowrey, P. R. Baker, Homer K. Williams, Clinton File.

Back row: Brazil Tomamichel, Lester Truitt, William Shreve, Charles Tobias, Frank Grantham, Oliver Lipe, Shirley Moncravie, Jean Grantham, Forrest Williams, A.E. Mowrey.



## IRVING NATIONAL BANK

Pictured in 1907, the Irving-National Bank functioned for many years. The bank doors were closed on March 31, 1931 and was taken over by the Hillsboro National Bank with no loss to the depositors.

Milton Berry served as cashier for many years. Ross Jarrett was assistant cashier for a few years and when Mr. Berry retired, Mr. Jarrett was cashier until the bank closed.

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A FAMILIAR SCENE IN THE FORMER  
BOTKIN RESTAURANT →

In the 1940s a Pinochle and Euchre Club was formed and games were played in the restaurant. Pictured are John Kluthe, W.H. Haller, George Pope and the man with his back to the camera is unknown. Ed Burke is seated on the bench near by.



← FIRE IN 1951

Among the many fires, the Kelly Mercantile Store and Ralph Athey Grocery Store burned to the ground. The Old Post Office Building at the right was damaged but was later repaired.

FORMER OLD IRVING HOUSE →

Brick house on Pine Street, built by W.W. Wiley in the 1800s. Mrs. S. Mason is shown in front of her home in 1947. The house was sold and torn down in 1959.



← ONE OF THE OLDER HOUSES

The former D. W. Burton house was built many years ago, the foundation being of logs. It is now occupied by Mrs. Pearl Schoeneweis.

BOY SCOUT QUARTET - ABOUT 1914

Front row: Harold Blizzard, Owen Mowrey.

Back row: Chester Walcher, - Homer Williams.



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#### FORMER RURAL MAIL CARRIERS

W. H. Haller was a rural mail carrier for many years, starting in 1906 and retiring in 1937. Shown in front of the barn at the Haller home is Mr. Haller and his mail wagon. The picture was taken in 1930.

The famous "Puddle Jumper" and its creator, Walter Neisler who was a rural mail carrier for forty-three years.



"POSSUM CLUB"--1897

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OLD MAIN STREET SCENES IN THE 1890s



AN OLD PHAETON OF THE 1900s

Pictured are Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Grantham with their dog, Pup and horse, Fannie. The Granthams were grandparents of Louise Everley and Selma Eddington.

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#### BARTLETT RESTAURANT

-Many Years Ago

Pictured in front of the Bartlett Restaurant are Ross Bandy, Harry Bartlett, Maude Williams and A. H. Bartlett. The Restaurant was owned and operated by Mr. and Mrs. A.H.Bartlett and was located at the site of the former Botkin Restaurant. The man at the far left is unknown.



#### ANNA HABEY HONORED

Pictured are schoolmates of Anna Habey at a tea given in her honor in 1950. Front row: Prudence Coffey, Belle Hughes, Lura Tucker, Anna Habey. Back row: Anna File, William File and two unknown.



#### BEAUX AND BELLES OF 1898

Cecil Kelly, Faye Kelly, Madge Kelly, Ruby Latham, Logan McDowell, Homer Crissman, Clarence McDowell, Harry Snell.



#### SIGNAL TOWER IN 1907

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LINGLE GARAGE

The pictured garage was built in--- about 1911 by Tony and Humbert Ludewick and was one of the first public garages and automobile agencies in Montgomery County. The brothers sold Maxwell cars.

Forest Lingle and son, Ivan bought the garage in 1912 and continued to operate the business until 1928, when they--rented the building to others.



REPUBLICAN LADIES' CLUB OF IRVING  
ABOUT 1900

THE CHARLES CUNDIFF HOME  
-about 1896

Located at the site of the former home of Ruby Carriker, now the Myrl Lewis Home. Across the road was a molasses mill operated by Mr. Cundiff.



STORES OF THE PAST

Pictured is File and Fowler Hardware Store, now occupied by the Montgomery County Vault Service, a portion of Kelly Brothers' Store to the right and Joseph Platt's Harness Shop, left.

Later, Forrest Lingle joined the hardware store firm and it was enlarged, using the old Leon house as a salesroom and attaching a large implement shed. This was located where the Douglas Car lot now is.

The firm became Fowler and Byron, then Fowler and Cress and finally Fowler Hardware Company, when Ray Fowler worked with his father.

After Frank Fowler died in 1935, Ray managed the store until 1938 when the stock was sold to Kelly Mercantile Company.



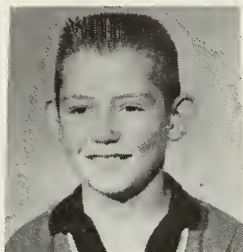
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Mr. Wells was associated with the New York Central Railroad for over forty years. He is pictured - at the front of the engine while at work.



CIVIL WAR VETERANS

Left to right: John Moncravie, Mr. Saunders, Captain Al Rhinehart, Thomas Grantham, and Lige Pruitt, Mr. Grantham was the father of Mrs L. R. Hammond.



FILE AND WILEY ELEVATOR  
IN THE EARLY 1900s

Later, the business was File and Carriker (Pearl) and File and Gregory (Irvin).



← FORMER OLD RHINEHART HOME

The former Rhinehart home and members of the Rhinehart and Brookman families in front. Later Occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Ray Lyerla, the house burned and the owner, W.A. Van-dever built a new house on the site. It was bought by Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Schmedeke who live there now.

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FIRST CAR IN IRVING AND ONE OF THE OLDER HOMES

The Julius Carriker home was designed and built by Mr. Carriker about 1896, when he sawed rough lumber at his farm for the framework. The family car, a Lambert is thought to be the first car owned by an Irving resident.

Pearl Carriker and his sister Fern are standing by the car and seated inside are Mr. and Mrs. Julius Carriker in front and Susie and Laura Carriker in the back.



SENSATIONAL INCIDENT

One of the exciting events in about 1916 was the landing of an airplane in a pasture in the west part of the village, where many people enjoyed 15 minute rides for a fee of \$5. each.

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Pictured are Nina Grantham and Rose Grantham. Nina was a niece of Rose and assisted in making and selling hats.

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Illinois Governor Deneen made a whistle stop in Irving and spoke from the rear of the train.



A STUDY CLASS -- 1912

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I.H.S. BASKET BALL TEAM  
1911-1912

Front row: Ray Lyerla, Corwin King, Theodore Cramer. Back row: Clinton File, Roy Tucker, Coach Roy Parkhill, Dwight Barnett, Ivan Lingle.



I.H.S. BASKET BALL TEAM  
1914

Homer McHugh, Owen Mowrey, Chester File, Dwight Barnett, Orin Cress, Coach Ivan Lingle, Chester Walcher.



I.H.S. BASKET BALL TEAM  
1921-1922

Kenneth Fath, Wilbur White, Harry Grimes, Coach Woolford, Lawrence Truitt, Leland Hefley, Luther Hutchins.

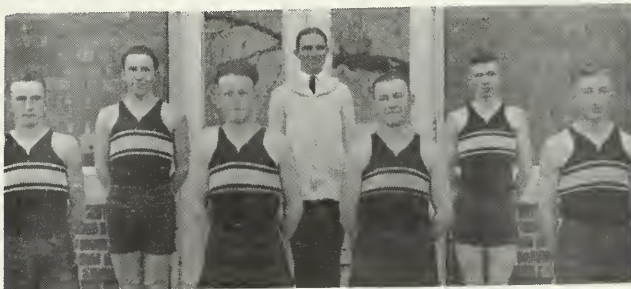
I.H.S. IRVING EAGLES  
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Pictured, the team, cheerleaders, coach and teachers.

Front Row: Louis Athey, Mrs. Throgmartin, Juanita Bailey, Wanda Lyerla, Annie Morehead, Helen Eddington, Ava Wells, James White.

Back Row: Leroy Kluthe, Harold Grill, Bradley Caulk, Russell Hartman, Dale White, Harry Everley, Kenneth Christian, Coach Podshadley



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A FLOCK OF SNOW BIRDS.

The picture taken in 1947 shows some of the older men who lived for many years in the Irving community and all of whom are now deceased. Ages of the men at that time ranged from 80 to 92 years.

Front row, left to right: E. P. Carriker, E. A. Lyerla, Frank P. King, J. J. Carriker, Frank Berry, and Albert White. Back row: Martin Davis, William Stewart, W. H. File, Dr. P. H. Winans, L. A. File, John Klein, James Calhoun, and Luke Fath.

#### THE NOTSON JEWELRY STORE AND D.W. BURTON BUTCHER SHOP

The buildings are now owned by Stanley Everley and are located on the East side of Main Street.

Pictured are Mr. Notson, D. W. Burton and father, George Burton.



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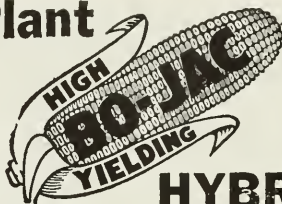
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BRYCE AND SON COAL,  
FEED AND FLOUR STORE-1914

Shown standing by the horses is Ralph Bryce and others pictured from left to right are Wash Smith, Homer O.Green, and Chester Hartman. At the right is Funk's Poultry House, operated by Robert L. Funk.

Remember when bustles and leg-o-mutton sleeves were the order of the day?

Remember when the Artesian well was the popular place for picnics and camping?

Remember when Irving had a taxi service, any place in town for a jitney (nickel)?



SCENES AT IRVING DEPOT IN THE 1930s

In the foreground is Tom Padgett and standing by the loading truck is Will Padgett who for many years was ticket agent. In the background is the hand car house where tools of the section crew were kept.

#### IRVING CREAMERY

Among the operators many years ago were Tony Ludewick, E.S. Blizard, Mr. Burns, Mr. Schubert, and Arthur Rhodes.

The picture was taken in the summer of 1907.



#### F.P. COCKELREAS GENERAL STORE

Taken during a drawing at the store in the early 1900s.



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